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## Selectmen approve Special Town Meeting

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday night began with communications before they considered several agreements and licenses, town space uses, and a Special Town Meeting during the annual Town Meeting on May 1.

Town Manager Jeff Hull shared the first item of communications from Community Liaison Daniel Mueller about MBTA outreach on sales network expansion, which is their effort to diversify sales locations in order to serve cash-dependent MBTA riders. This includes a new ticket vending machine at Wilmington's Main Street location.

The notification invited residents to visit [www.mbta.com/fares/fares-transformation/get-involved](http://www.mbta.com/fares/fares-transformation/get-involved) to share their opinions of these changes.

The next item involved the balance of the Shawheen Tech's Excess and Deficiency Fund, in the amount of \$1,613,823. Hull said that the money would be diverted back to the five towns most likely after a meeting of the Shawheen Tech School Committee the next day.

Selectman Greg Bendel announced that the committee to build a new Senior Center has chosen their top four candidates for an architectural design firm. He appreciated the contributions that the OPM from P3 had provided so far in the process.

Hull then discussed the options shared with the Massachusetts School Building Authority in a virtual meeting intended to weed out options for a new building that the town wouldn't want considered. He reported that they told the MBSA not to consider maintaining the six elementary schools in their current configuration; one pre-k-5 school for the entire community; one pre-k-3 school for the entire community; just a pre-k school; or a consolidation of grades pre-k-4.

He said they reaffirmed that Wildwood is the priority for a new building and expect the MSBA to finalize their decisions as early as mid-April.

The final communication concerned the Wilmington Childhood Cancer Study. Hull mentioned that this study started in 1999 due to a high number of various types of cancer cases in Wilmington children. He mentioned a virtual session the following night with the Department of Public Health on the results of the

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Shon Gordon, left, and Marcos Valles, right, recently won a Passim Iguana Fund Grant to produce children's educational music videos. Their first grant-funded project was "Colors" which teaches the colors in English and Spanish. In the 8-minute lesson, they go on an adventure at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire and find a world of colors, music, dinosaurs, and more. (Courtesy photo)

## Rockabye Beats grant-funded videos feature learning and fun

By SHERYL WALSH  
News Correspondent  
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WILMINGTON — Passim, a music community support group from Cambridge, recently awarded over \$40,000 to 24 musicians through its Iguana Music Fund. Rockabye Beats, a music school started in Wilmington, was among those selected.

Rockabye Beats is owned by former Wilmington resident Marcos Valles and his business partner Shon Gordon. The duo performs regularly in town.

Their educational musical performances have

been featured at the library. During COVID, their live sessions have included three socially-distanced children's programs at Yentile Farm Recreation Area and Zoom sessions.

The grant they received was used to produce a children's musical education video, "Colors." Other videos are planned. "Colors" is available on their YouTube channel among a large collection of children's educational and fun features.

They wanted to do a video series that focuses on introducing children to music and also to Spanish. To that end, they

sprinkle in a Spanish word or phrases throughout their work.

"We try to make it silly and fun," explained Gordon.

Abby Altman, Passim Club Manager, explained that the grants are awarded by a panel of judges.

"They are folks involved in the music industry who prefer to remain low-key and anonymous; musicians, managers, label company representatives and such."

Altman felt Valles and Gordon had a strong application because of the nature of their project.

"While individual awards are good, there is a wide-

spread impact with their type of project."

The Rockabye Beats project directly supports the organization's mission because it is reaching out to groups of children and promoting music in their lives as well as supporting Valles' and Gordon's music endeavor.

Rockabye Beats started in 2016 when Valles wanted to create a class for children. Gordon joined on as good fit for the plan, as well as an enthusiast partner, since he had studied music education at Berklee. They were operating in Wilmington until they had to expand and find a larger studio. They

are now in Newton.

Like most things, Rockaway Beats was impacted by COVID-19. They are presenting classes online now via Zoom four days a week. The classes are an introduction to music, singing, and even dancing. They play music games where students learn to recognize pitch and sound. Their target audience is mostly preschool children.

Valles explains the students learn more than just music.

"They are learning social cues, learning to be patient, and they are

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### School Committee candidate

## Byrnes wants to get students back in school

By CASEY STEVENSON  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — MJ Byrnes is one of the two incumbents running for the two seats with three year terms on the Wilmington School Committee. She is running against incumbent candidate David Ragsdale and newcomer James Defeo for one of the few contested races in the annual Wilmington town election for the year of 2021.

Byrnes sat down with the Town Crier to discuss her experience as a School Committee member during the time of COVID-19, and what her next steps are as a member, if she were re-elected.

Byrnes' inspiration for running is as follows:

"I am a parent with two children with special needs. I ran back in 2012 when I saw that kids, including my own, were struggling to get education that met their needs. I wanted to be an advocate for all kids, and I see all the students of Wilmington as my kids."

In terms of what her plans would look like if she were to be re-elected, Byrnes said:

"Right now, it's important to take things one step at a time, and we must tackle what's before us. We must implement sustainable, equitable and safe ways to get staff and students in schools, as remote and hybrid options are no longer reasonable, as the mental health of our students has decreased as remote learning goes on. We also need to focus on the losses students have faced in their education and mental health over the past year."

Byrnes' other public service endeavors include being appointed to the Department of Early Education Workforce Council three years ago, being a part of the League of Women Voters and working on enrichment for students getting into early education and preschool in the commonwealth.

Byrnes speaks highly of the current School Committee, saying:

"This is one of the stronger boards I've ever sat with. Each member walks a different professional path leading to broader discussions and more diversity in perspectives. And I enjoy be-



ing around people I can learn from and challenge my own perspectives."

And she highlighted the other incumbent candidate running for re-election on the School Committee, David Ragsdale, saying that he "has been an excellent team member, knowledgeable and

works at DESE and back-ground in law."

Byrnes says that the hardest part of COVID-19 thus far has been "the uncertainty of COVID and what the future brings. This pandemic created another crisis in education. I work in the medical field, as well, so the

public health side drove my decisions, and still does. And knowing there are kids struggling with learning due to technology breaks my heart."

Parents have reached out to Byrnes with concerns about virtual learn-

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## Wilmington Library News:

## Women's suffrage programs to close out Women's History Month

## Library Services Available

You are able to visit the WML without an appointment to browse the first floor, pick up holds, use a computer with a 60 minute limit, and make a copy or use the fax machine. The library is open for these services Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Curbside pickup is still available with new hours: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Appointments are still required to visit the Youth Services Department. All patrons must wear a mask and sanitize their hands upon arriving at the library.

## WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety for virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to [wilmlibrary.org](http://wilmlibrary.org) to register or call 978-658-2967.

## Poetry Contest

Wilmington Memorial Library invites you to submit a poem about Mother Nature on the library's website. This theme is in keeping with WML's Earth Year initiative. Poems may be about the enjoyment of nature as well as the importance of protecting our

environment. Submissions are open until April 17. Winners in each age category from Kindergarten through Adults will be selected and winning poems will be published on the library's website.

## Adult Programs

## Used Puzzle Palooza

*Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Rain date: April 3)*  
Who wants to do the same puzzle twice? Come to the puzzle palooza and pick up some new-to-you puzzles. Limit of three to five puzzles depending on donations. Puzzles are free although donations to the Friends of Wilmington Memorial Library will be happily accepted. This event will be held on the library's front lawn. In preparation for this event, we are accepting used puzzle donations!

## Images in the Women's Suffrage Movement

*Saturday, March 27, 2 p.m.*  
Take a look at the ways in which women's right activists and their opponents used images to define gender and power during the Women's Suffrage Movement. Presented by Allison K. Lange, an assistant professor of history at the Wentworth Institute of Technology and author of *Picturing Poli-*

cal Power: Images in the Women's Suffrage Movement.

## Votes For Women —

## A History of the Suffrage Movement

*Wednesday, March 31, 7 p.m.*  
The campaign for women's right to vote was a long one, from the 1848 Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York to ratification of the 19th amendment in 1920. Who were the key players in New Hampshire and the nation? What issues and obstacles did they face? How did suffragists benefit from World War I in the final push for passage of the women's suffrage amendment? Who was left out when women got the right to vote? Using historic photos and documents, Liz Tentarelli will guide us on the journey. Liz is president of the League of Women Voters New Hampshire, a non-partisan organization that is the direct descendant of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

## Author Talk:

## Kerri Arsenault — Mill Town

*Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m.*  
Join Kerri Arsenault, author of *Mill Town: Reckoning with What Remains*, for a discussion of

Kerri Arsenault grew up in the rural working class town of Mexico, Maine. For over 100 years the community orbited around a paper mill that employs most townspeople, including three generations of Arsenault's own family. The mill, while providing livelihoods for nearly everyone, also contributed to the destruction of the environment and the decline of the town's economic, physical, and emotional health in a slow-moving catastrophe, earning the area the nickname "Cancer Valley."

## Fiction Critique Group

*Saturday, April 3, 9:15 a.m.*  
Love writing fiction? Whether you are drafting a short story or a novel, joining our Critique Group is a great opportunity to meet other writers and get constructive feedback in a supportive environment. Open to all experience levels writing in all genres. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras. If you are interested in attending this event, please email Assistant Director Charlotte Wood at [cwood@wilmlibrary.org](mailto:cwood@wilmlibrary.org)

## Youth Programs

## All Thirteen Book Discussion

*Thursday, March 25, 4 p.m.*  
Join Brittany for a discussion of All Thirteen by

Christina Soontornvat over Zoom! Learn about the incredible cave rescue of the Thai boys' soccer team in 2018, and keep your copy of the book after the meeting. Don't forget your bubble tea and Sugus candy kit to snack on during the meeting. Grades 5-7

## Among Us

## Teen Game Nights

*Tuesdays, March 30, 5 p.m.*  
Join your crewmates in a multiplayer game of teamwork and betrayal over Zoom! Download the free Among Us app, and play in a private match hosted by the WML. Grades 6-12

## SAT &amp; ACT

## Strategy Session

*Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m.*  
Are you wondering if you should take the SAT or the ACT? What are the differences? Do colleges have a preference? Can these tests help you get a scholarship? What about test optional schools? Tune in to the The Princeton Review's live virtual session to get the answer to all of these questions and more! Grades 9-11

## Board Game Club

*Wednesday, March 31, 7 - 8:30 p.m.*  
Looking to play fun board games and learn about new ones? Share your favorite game, or latest pro-

totype, and we'll play together on Discord or Gather Town using Tabletopia until we can meet again in person. Students and their adults welcome, registration encouraged! Grades 6-12

## Preschool Storytime

*Tuesday, March 30, 10 a.m.*  
This storytime for preschoolers includes books, rhymes, and music. Ages 3-5

## Time for Twos

*Wednesday, March 31, 10 a.m.*  
This storytime for two year olds includes books, rhymes, music and movement.

## Baby Time

*Thursday, April 1, 10 a.m.*  
This program of songs, rhymes, games and picture books is for babies under the age of two years and their caregivers.

## Book Store Next Door Sale

*Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.*  
The Book Store is back open after being closed for the winter! Up to three customers will be allowed inside at a time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 27. Donations (one bag or smaller box per family) will be accepted.

## Children's Holy Week at Wilmington United Methodist Church

WILMINGTON — During the week before Easter, you are invited to an interactive walk through the events of Children's Holy Week. Eight different stations will be set up on the grounds of the Wilmington United Methodist Church starting Saturday, March 28.

Come on your own schedule to experience the Easter Story. Each station will highlight an event starting with the celebration of Jesus' en-

trance into Jerusalem, the Last Supper with his disciples, his trial and crucifixion.

An illustrated children's book will help tell the story and small mementos will be collected along the way in a take home bag so that each child can retell the glorious story of Jesus' resurrection.

Please practice social distancing with masks and take care moving through the parking lot.

## Souza graduates state firefighting academy

STOW — State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier announced the graduation of 47 firefighters including Brian Souza, a Marine Corps veteran and a fourth generation firefighter, from Wilmington.

The recruits from 24 fire departments completed the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program on March 5, 2021. Class #290 trained at the Stow campus; Class #S22 trained at the Springfield campus; and Class #BW09 trained at the Bridgewater campus.

"This rigorous professional training provides our newest firefighters with the basic skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey.

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA), a division of the Department of Fire Services, offers this program tuition-free.

## Class #290:

17 Graduates from 12 Fire Departments  
The 17 graduates represent the 12 fire departments of Burlington, Devens, Haverhill, Hudson, Nantucket, North And-

over, Orleans, Plymouth, Sudbury, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn.

"First responders are on the frontlines protecting their communities and these newest firefighters are needed now more than ever. We have taken advantage of technology, reduced class size for social distancing, implemented daily screening, and required mask-wearing to keep our instructors and students as safe as possible during these uncertain times," said Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier who is serving as the MFA director.

## Today's Firefighters Do Far More than Fight Fires

Today's firefighters do far more than fight fires. They train to respond to all types of hazards and emergencies. They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental emergencies, ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide, to Fentanyl overdoses or a gas leak.

They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice or who has locked himself in a bathroom. They rescue people from stalled elevators and those who are trapped in vehicle crash-

es. They test and maintain their equipment including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hydrants, hoses, power tools, and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, they learn all these skills and more from certified fire instructors who are also experienced firefighters. Students learn all the basic skills they need to respond to fires, to contain and to control them, including the latest science of fire behavior and suppression tactics.

They also receive training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, and self-rescue techniques. The intensive, 10-week program for municipal firefighters involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

## Training Safely During Pandemic

In response to the pandemic, the 10-week curriculum was reorganized to take advantage of online learning technology while ensuring plenty of practical skill experience on-campus with instructors. Students alternated between the virtu-

al classroom for two weeks, on campus for practical training (using special safeguards and social distancing) for four weeks, back to the virtual classroom for a week, returning to campus for two weeks and finishing the final week in the virtual classroom.

## Basic Firefighter Skills

Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires. Upon successful completion of the Recruit Program all students have met the national standards of National Fire Protection Association 1001 and are certified to the level of Firefighter I and II, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

## Six students make Dean's List at Emmanuel College

BOSTON — In honor of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College in Boston has named more than 900 students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for

a 16-credit semester. Local students receiving the honor include:

- Julia Burke of Wilmington
- Carly Silva of Wilmington
- Jill Roche of Wilmington
- Donalissa Alphonse of Wilmington

• Stephen Daley of Wilmington  
• Joshua Rainone of Wilmington  
Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston's educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Enrol-

ling more than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the College provides boundless opportunities for students to expand their worldview through rigorous coursework, significant internship and career opportunities throughout the Boston area and beyond.

## News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

## WCTV PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT!

**COOKIN' THE BOOKS**  
with Host: Lisa Crispin  
Love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes? Then this show is for you! Join host Lisa Crispin, staff member at the Wilmington Library and leader of the Library's Cookbook Club for her interesting take on cooking. Lisa dishes up comfort

food, desserts and all kinds of cuisine on her show. On every episode, she takes a look at a different cookbook and chooses a recipe to make from it. Lisa also provides tips for successfully completing the recipe. View on: [WCTV.org](http://WCTV.org) on demand.

## CALLING ALL PODCASTERS!

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For more information contact Lisa Kapala at: [lisa@wctv.org](mailto:lisa@wctv.org).

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— PART II —

## Security Deposits

Do not include a security deposit in your income when you receive it if you plan to return it to your tenant at the end of the lease. But if you keep part or all of the security deposit during any year because your tenant does not live up to the terms of the lease, include the amount you keep in your income in that year.

If an amount called a security deposit is to be used as a final payment of rent, it is advance rent. Include it in your income when you receive it.

## Expenses Paid by Tenant

If your tenant pays any of your expenses, the payments are rental income. You must include them in your income. You can deduct the expenses if they are deductible rental expenses. See Rental Expenses in Publication 527, for more information.

Example One: Your tenant pays the water and sewage bill for your rental property and deducts it from the normal rent payment. Under the terms of the lease, your tenant does not have to pay this bill.

Example Two: While you are out of town, the furnace in your rental property stops working. Your tenant pays for the necessary repairs and deducts the repair bill from the rent payment. Based on the facts in each example, include in your rental income both the net amount of the rent payment and the amount the tenant paid for the utility bills and the repairs. You can deduct the cost of the utility bills and repairs as a rental expense.

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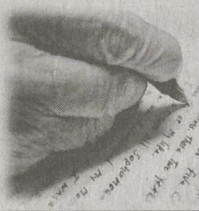
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# OPINION



## Letters to the editor

### Mackey III, the right candidate for Tewksbury

Dear editor,  
We are writing in support of fellow veteran James F. Mackey III as he pursues one of two open seats on the Tewksbury Board of Selectmen.

The traits developed in the armed services — leadership, high ethical standards, self-discipline, accountability and the ability to collaborate within a diverse team — translate well to elected office. James' military specialty, cybersecurity, will be particularly valuable to Tewksbury because municipalities face increased threats.

Just this month, for example, at least 30,000 U.S. organizations that host their own email servers — including a significant number of local governments — may have had their systems compromised. Gov. Baker has also highlighted ransomware attacks as "a persistent threat to municipalities."

And, in fact, Tewksbury in 2015 paid a \$500 bitcoin ransom to recover access to town systems.\*\*

This threat remains, and ransom amounts are far

higher now, while the likelihood of recovering data has decreased.

While our capable IT staff is charged with protecting our infrastructure, as a cybersecurity professional, James has insights into programs and grants that can help Tewksbury find and fix issues at minimal or no cost to the town. His military training and current civilian occupation as a cybersecurity engineer will bring a unique skillset to the board.

For that reason, we support his candidacy and ask residents to join us in casting one of their two votes for James.

David & Lorna Garey  
Veterans, U.S. Navy and U.S. Army and 20+ year  
Tewksbury residents

#### \*REFERENCES:

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### Ferdinand: Vote for 'change with experience'

To the voters and all the residents of Tewksbury.

Many of you know me, but if you don't my name is George Ferdinand, and I am a candidate for the Board of Selectmen.

My first job was at Sweetheart Plastics in 1978 and I graduated in 1980 from Wilmington High School. I have worked full time in the private sector for the past 41 years.

My 37 year career in the auto industry started in 1984 at the Napa Distribution Center. I attended Northeastern University and Wayne State University and recieved a number of credits. My career took me to Southeastern Michigan with a second tier supplier in Romulas and in 1997 I started with my current employer the former Chrysler Corporation.

I transferred back in 2014 and married my fiancé Patty Budryk in 2015. She has worked at the Family Care Center in South Tewksbury for 13 years.

I am retiring this year and is one of the reasons that I am running and would be able to serve many hours if elected.

In the United Auto Workers Locals I have been a part of, I have held about every elected and appointed position there is except VP and President. I am a member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, the executive board of the non-profit Tewks-

bury Cares from 2016-2019 and take part in every biannual town clean up day.

I was appointed to a township commission and elected five times as a precinct delegate to the MI state convention. It is different than the MA precinct elections.

Since moving here I have been appointed to the Visioning Committee, elected to the Board of Health (which was a highlight of my life) and appointed to the newly formed General By-Laws Committee.

Whether its in my work, volunteer, or public service life, the common denominator is serving the people. I am not the polished candidate or the type to tell you what you want to hear. Leaders make the tough calls.

It's past time for a change. If you want the status quo, then I am not the candidate to vote for. Stayed tuned for our campaign's 10 point "Contract With Tewksbury" that will be released on Wednesday March 31.

On Saturday, April 10, the direction of the town is in your hands. I ask for your support and vote for CHANGE WITH EXPERIENCE George Ferdinand for Selectmen.

God Bless you, your family, and our beloved Tewksbury.

George Ferdinand

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All submissions must be accompanied by full name, address, and daytime contact information for verification purposes.

Letters must be e-mailed by noon on Monday in order for consideration the same week's edition.

## Good spring-like weather returns to the northeast

By PAUL J. ANDREWS

How many times do you hear the comment that is heard so often, "I miss the old fashion winters." Many are saying that you never heard me saying that, which maybe is true.

Maybe it's generational but I certainly have heard that many times in the past decade as there has been an obvious reduction in snowfalls in our area of the universe in Town Crier land. This great weather this past weekend seemed to see more activity than before the pandemic began.

Many of us recall the blizzard of '78 and know exactly where we were on that date. The Town Crier kept the presses running as the area plowed and shoveled out from the piles of snow that made driving impossible for most with emergency passes made to reach all sections of the area except for impossible sites. Somehow our people managed to "weather the storm" as they say and shoveled out from under the piles.

This year's snowfall has

been less but pretty constant with some notice on the constant improvements of DPW expertise and equipment that is augmented with better road preparation for making our roads less icy for motorists which makes for safer driving when one needs to be on the roads.

One has to send out those words of praise for the works of fire and police departments in these storms as the emergency calls keep coming for assistance. While we enjoy the weather this weekend, we do have to agree that the cold and more than likely some snow will reappear.

#### Pet peeve —

##### multiple commercials

First of all, I get it that commercials pay the bills for television programs and some of these are very well done and enjoyable to watch but multiple commercials all the time is just too much. Maybe it's the pandemic or maybe it is my greater attention to television news but the time spent on com-

mercials has escalated from one per time allocation to four and five continuous commercials before one gets back to the main program.

I understand costs for program development, production and presentation costs are an increasing cost over time but really the situation is out of control. I cannot believe there isn't a better way to meet the costs with a reduction of time for several back-to-back commercials. The television audience may in fact stay tuned, as less is more on many occasions.

#### Some closing thoughts —

Some Morning Pulse extractions include the following: Lack of funding, employee burnout concern non-profit leaders; Americans feeling more charitable during the pandemic; Conspiracy theories can lead to irrational financial decisions; US economy adds 49K jobs in rebound from COVID-fueled loss; South Korea unveils \$43 billion plan for world's largest off-shore

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### Wilmington School Com. candidate Byrnes a strong advocate for children

Dear Wilmington residents,

As a lifelong Wilmington resident, I'm writing to express my support for M.J. Byrnes for School Committee. I met M.J. almost 10 years ago when she ran for School Committee for the first time. At the time my children were just entering the Wilmington Public School system. I was new to the IEP process and M.J. helped me understand the process.

M.J. has been a School Committee member for nine years and has been a tremendous asset to the committee. She is a mom of two wonderful children and she works just as tirelessly for all the children of Wilmington as she does

for her own. She advocates for all students and understands the needs of each of them.

M.J. has shown attentiveness at each and every meeting she attends. She is right there to ask any and all questions. She is passionate about education and making sure Wilmington students are taken care of.

Her firsthand knowledge of special education is another added benefit she brings in her role.

I know choosing M.J. for School Committee is the right decision. I hope you will join me in voting for M.J. Byrnes for School Committee on April 24.

Tara DeFilippo

### Plowman has experience to serve on Wilmington School Committee

Dear Wilmington residents,

We are honored to endorse Melissa Plowman for the Wilmington School Committee. We have been friends with Melissa and Nate since our daughters were in first grade together.

Whether it be volunteering in the classroom, motivating her girls during dance competitions, or cheering the team on at soccer games, Melissa uplifts any crowd of children with her warm presence and enthusiasm. She is an example of patience and gentleness as she nurtures and encourages children.

We have had the privilege of witnessing these traits in her own family. As a mother, she models graciousness and love. Melissa is her children's greatest motivator and cheerleader. However, it does not stop there.

The greatest compliment I can give her as a friend and a mother, is that my child feels safe and loved when in Melissa's care. She takes care of her children's friends as if they are her own. Melissa's children are her motivation that drives her to focus on the needs of all children. She strives to make the schools and community a better place for all the students in our community.

Melissa has the professional perspective to look

at the well-being of a student first and foremost. Her professional experience of 18 years in child/adolescent psychology has allotted her a first-hand look at the heart of children.

Over the past few years, when our school leaders needed an impartial voice and student perspective, Melissa volunteered and worked alongside the administration to provide insight and wisdom from her 18 years of school consultation experience. She speaks passionately about issues concerning our students and community. She steps up to help make this community a better place, especially in our schools.

Growing up in Wilmington always held a sense of family, friends, and community support for us. Our children's education deserves the best representation. We believe and trust that Melissa will add perspective, integrity, and a loyal representation to every student in our district. The Wilmington School Committee would be blessed to have Melissa serving and being the voice representing our children.

Join us in casting a vote for Melissa Plowman on Saturday, April 24.

Sincerely,  
Erin and Mike King

### Send Byrnes back to School Committee

To the editor,

I am writing to express my support for M.J. Byrnes for School Committee.

My wife and I first met M.J. when our sons were members of Wilmington's Cub Scouts Pack 56 — approximately 10-12 years ago. While attending the den and pack meetings, we had many great conversations regarding our children and their needs within the Wilmington School System.

Our relationship soon grew from there and we always admired how she cared for our community and those who a part of it. We were not surprised when she first ran for the School Committee and always knew that she was perfect for the role.

Here we are nine years later and M.J. has done a tremendous job working for the children of the Wilmington Public Schools. She is an outstanding mom of two wonderful children and fights for the children of Wilmington as if they

were her own.

M.J. always makes herself available and always returns your call. She listens attentively and asks all the right questions in order to fully understand your needs and concerns. She then goes to work for you and does whatever it takes to address those needs and concerns. I don't know how much more you could ask for than that.

When all is said and done, M.J. has done an outstanding job working on the School Committee. She has gone above and beyond the duties of a School Committee person. When someone does a great job as she has, it makes the most sense to let her continue representing the school community.

Choosing M.J. Byrnes for school committee is the absolute right choice.

Please join me on April 24 and vote for M.J. Byrnes and let her continue to do what she has done best for the last nine years.

Anthony Accardi

### Watch candidate forums

Missed the Tewksbury Town Crier Candidate Forum? Residents can watch the School Committee Forum and the Board of Selectmen Forum on [YouTube.com/TewksburyTV/videos](https://www.youtube.com/TewksburyTV/videos).

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# SPORTS

## Smolinsky, 'Cats, kick their way into record books

Wilmington wins 3-0 game, first time in program history

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BURLINGTON - Prior to Saturday morning's Fall-2 season opener, according to the Town Crier records, dating back to 1935, the Wilmington High School football program has had 781 games.

Over the course of those ten decades, there's never been a final score that we all witnessed at Burlington High School: 3-0.

Thanks to a 24-yard field goal by senior captain Stephen Smolinsky coming with 4:37 left in the fourth quarter, the 'Cats made history with the result. In addition the 'Cats also posted their first shut out victory since the program's first ever playoff win, a 30-0 win over Gloucester back in the 2017 season.

While Wilmington's defense was simply outstanding all game long - limiting the Red Devils to 18 rushing yards and 67 total yards of offense - the offense went forward, sputtered and went in reverse and was simply inconsistent all day long, including going 0-for-3 in the passing game.

With 11:49 left in the game, the 'Cats were able



With 4:37 left in a scoreless game, Wilmington High senior captain Stephen Smolinsky (5, with John Germano holding, booted a 24-yard field goal, which was the difference in the Wildcats coming away with a 3-0 win over Burlington. Dating back to 1935, the 'Cats have never won a game by a 3-0 score.

(photo by Bob DeChiara).

to put something together, which lasted 7:12, while managing three first downs and moving the

ball from its own 45 all the way to the Burlington 4. Two negative running plays followed, pushing

the ball back to the 7 and that's when Smolinsky drilled the field goal coming with 4:37 to go.

"You should have seen us warming up. It was horrible. I think we kicked one off of my father Charlie Turner's shin and he was standing next to the center," said head coach Craig Turner. "We kicked one where we missed the net completely. Then my father got Stephen back on track during pre-game and got him going. He was hitting from 30 to 35 yards out during pre-game.

"When we got down there, we tried to stay low key and consistent. We felt like that we didn't want to go out there and throw something crazy on that third down because we wanted to stay where we were so we could try to kick the field goal. What really hurt us were those two negative plays. We wanted to back with Marcello (Misuraca) because he was the hot hand but we ended up going backwards twice and putting us in a tougher spot.

"We tried to get (quarterback) Pedro (Germano) to roll out and we told him if it was there to throw it, if not keep it and then we'll kick the field goal and play defense. At that point, there's no reason not to trust the defense because they had been phenomenal all day."

That phenomenal defense had to make one more stand to put the game away. Immediately after the field goal, Burlington's Matt Pinkham took the ball to the right and managed a return of 35 yards, down to the Wilmington 40.

Two plays later the ball moved up five yards, but a facemask penalty on the 'Cats moved it to the 20. Burlington's Ryan McGillvary combined for ten more yards and another first down on two running plays, and Burlington had first-and-goal from the 10 with 2:24 to go. McGillvary got the call again but this time defensive tackle Jake Chirichiello busted through to nail him in the backfield for a loss of a yard. McGillvary came back to gain five yards, putting the ball at the Wilmington six, now with 52 seconds left after they elected to run some clock

down.

Facing third-and-goal, junior John Rhind came off the edge and sacked QB Nick Berglund for a 13-yard loss, forcing Burlington to use its last timeout with 18 seconds left.

Out of the timeout, Berglund threw an incomplete pass into the end zone, and Germano followed by taking a knee and closing out the game.

"We thought that they might try to sprint out or run a bootleg with the quarterback, so we just asked our ends to widen out because we didn't think (Burlington's offensive linemen) could kick fast enough to get to our guys because we were too fast on the edges," said Turner. "I think we have really athletic linebackers who slow those routes up for those inside guys and makes the quarterback a little vulnerable and our guys get there.

"We have been talking about our junior class for years, so there's been faces that we knew that would be coming up and be really good like the Luke Murphy's and the John Rhind and those kids really showed up today. Rhind was fantastic on that play."

Wilmington's entire defensive unit was fantastic all afternoon. That group included linemen Justin Doran, Dylan Clerico and Chirichiello, along with ends Rhind and Murphy, linebackers Misuraca, Smolinsky and Shane Roberts, and defensive backs John Germano, Mate Rebinskas, Gavin Erickson who had a big interception on the first drive of the game, and Garrett Moretto.

"I thought we gutted it out and the kids played really hard. Defensively we were fantastic and were all over them. They had a hard time with our guys upfront," said Turner. "I said this before, but we're not big upfront but we're athletic and those kids are fast and they get after it.

"I thought our defensive ends and defensive tackles were really spectacular. (Burlington) had

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Above, on the first series of the game, Wilmington High junior defensive back Gavin Erickson makes a leaping catch, intercepting the ball, while, Burlington's Cole Frieden tries to disrupt him from doing so, and below junior running back Marcello Misuraca carries the ball and tries to avoid Burlington's Sami Ahmed during Saturday's 3-0 win held at Burlington High.





# 'Where Are They Now' profile: 1993 Boys 4x440-yard relay team

## Tom Zaya, Tom Killilea, Tom Aprile and Danny Ballou won everything

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Years from now, four Wilmington High School athletes can look back and tell their grandchildren they beat Brockton. The Wilmington boys' 4x440-yard relay team of Tom Zaya, Tom Killilea, Tom Aprile and Dan Ballou (or three Toms and a Dan for short) pulled off a stunning win yesterday over Brockton at the All-State Track Championship Meet held at Harvard University.

David vs Goliath? No, this was more like Tattoo vs Andre The Giant. Like Rhode Island vs Asia. Like ... well Wilmington vs Brockton.

Those were the first three paragraphs of a story which written by Dan Phelps, appearing in the Monday, March 1st, 1993 Lowell Sun newspaper.

Those four 1993 graduates of WHS don't have any grandchildren yet, but have shared the stories from that one race that took up 3:24.54 - and the years of hard work it took to become the Class C State Relays, the Class C Eastern Mass, the All-State and the New England Champions back in the cold months of February and March some 28 years ago.

Ten months ago, the Town Crier started our popular 'Where Are They Now' series. Previous profiles have been done on Lisa Cutone, Bob Reid, Mary McNaughton, Bob Butler, the Robinson Family and Tom Stewart. Now we introduce you to our seventh installment, the Wilmington High School Indoor Boys Track 4x440-yard relay team from the 1993 season. The group includes Tom Zaya, Tom Killilea, Tom Aprile and Danny Ballou, who won the State Relay, Class C Meet, the All-State Meet in dramatic fashion, as well as the New England Meet. They posted the fifth best time in the nation. Also a part of that team was Dennis Godin, who served as an alternate.

### YOUNG PUPS

All five of members of the team were incredible athletes. Ballou, who was the Town Crier's Male Athlete of the 1990s decade, ran track both seasons and also played football. After he graduated from WHS, he walked on and played D1 college football at Wake Forest.

Aprile and Killilea also excelled in football, indoor track as well as baseball. During the spring of '93, Aprile earned two varsity letters in baseball and spring track - he was that good. Zaya played soccer and competed in both

Zaya said that they joined because they knew taking jump shots and playing man-to-man defense wasn't in the cards for them.

"I went out for winter track just to do something. Cripps was our coach and when you went to meets, the 4x400 relay was always the last event and he would just throw people together," said Killilea. "I don't really remember how we all got on the same team, but basically anyone who wanted to do it, he would let them try it and I think eventually he settled on us. The first time I think we won, so then he tried us again and then we kept winning and I think he realized that he may have something here. I think that year it was really more of trying it out type of thing and junior year was more like 'OK, I think we have something here'. Then we started to practice more and were more serious about it."

The foursome also included Godin as a fifth and served as an alternate.

"It was really the five of us as Dennis was there too. He was always with us. We were all good runners," said Ballou. "Tommy Zaya and Tommy Aprile were really good in the 600, me and Killilea were really good in the 300 and Dennis ran everything. He did the 300, the 600 and in the spring I think he ran the 200 and the 400 and I think the 800 and 1,000 sometimes. Dennis was a great all-around runner."

Added Zaya, "Every great relay team has an alternate and have that guy who can step in (for whatever reason). Dennis was that guy and he was as much of that relay team as any of the four of us were. We just happened to run it that day. Anytime one of us couldn't run it in a meet or whenever, he would jump in and be one of the legs."

When Zaya put his basketball shoes away for good, he joined the track team and eventually slid in as the new guy - and the lead-off leg to the team. Godin filled in admirably when called upon and also really pushed the other four when things heated up in practices.

"Dennis worked out just as hard as the rest of us," said Aprile. "He was there for every single practice. He did just as many sprints and practices as we did. It just happened to be that the four of us were just a little quicker than he was, but Dennis was a big part of our team."

### THE BEST SECOND PLACE FINISH

The foursome knew the potential was there as a group, how much potential was there was the unknown. Cripps wanted to test that potential immediately. In the very early stages of that season, he inserted the relay team into the Dartmouth Relay Meet, which not only featured the best athletes from all of Massachusetts, but pretty much from along the Eastern part of the country, including Tennessee and New Jersey.

Waiting around all day to compete, the foursome were finally able to strut their stuff, by finishing in second place with a time of 3:30.6, which was nine one-hundredths of a second off the winning time set by Brockton.

"(As the anchor leg) if I had done a better job, we probably would have won," said Ballou. "Looking back though, it might have been good that we didn't win that day because we ended up beating them at the end. The truth was those three guys all did an incredible job and I got the baton and I was behind the runner from Brockton."

From there was a crazy sequence of events.

"I was on the outside of



Back in 1993, the WHS Boys Track team's 4x440-yard relay team of from left, Tom Zaya, Danny Ballou, Tom Aprile and Tom Killilea captured the State Relay, Class C, All-State and New England Championship titles, breaking school (which currently still stands) and state records, while posting the fifth best time in the country. Below, after the season had ended, the four members were pictured in the Town Crier after being awarded jackets by Wilmington Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs.



Back on November 6, 2004, the four members, from left, Ballou, Aprile, Killilea and Zaya (fifth member Dennis Godin was not present) along with Bob Cripps, were all inducted into the Wilmington High School Athletic Hall of Fame. (file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

the Brockton kid and a couple of yards behind him. Some other kid from some other team came flying inside of me and there wasn't a lot of room. He caught me off-guard and I just kind of tucked back because he kind of forced himself next to the Brockton kid. The two of them were elbowing each other for what seemed like a long time, but was probably 20 yards. I just fell back and was like 'what's happening'? I had never seen that before when a kid pushed his way through to take the lead. I fell back and they kind of jostled. The Brockton kid elbowing him back and (the other runner) kind of fell into the inside line a few steps.

"Since we were at Dartmouth on an indoor track, it's a 220 track, so you do two laps, so on the second lap when we were going past that first turn, (the other runner) started to die a little bit and I had to make a decision, 'what am I going to do'? He really started to fade on that last turn and I said to myself that 'I can't wait any longer' and I went around him on that last turn. Then I tried to catch up to the Brockton kid and

it was too late. We lost by .09 seconds."

Ballou was devastated, feeling as if he let his three teammates and coaches down. He ate at him the entire ride home ... and frankly all season long.

"It was really good for me because Coach Cripps and Coach Kelley both chewed me out a little bit. Mr. Kelley was always on me about waiting and would just always tell me 'just run as fast as you can'. I wasn't really a track guy. I was really a football guy and I was running track because I wanted to get faster for football. I was trying to figure things out but that was one of those times when Mr. Kelley told me over and over again that you don't wait. He was right."

"I felt really bad about it. Afterwards, I said to (Zaya, Killilea and Aprile), 'that was my fault'. I don't know if I would have beat him as you never know what would have happened. I always felt like if I had ten more yards I would have caught him, but you live and you learn. I don't think that we thought that we would get second

place. It wasn't until we got second place when we said 'we could've won'."

"We were walking out of there as if we won the Gold Medal in a way because we didn't know what to expect going in there because there were all of these kids from all over the place. Walking out of there the feeling was awesome but then in the background we heard Mr. Cripps and Mr. Kelley saying, 'you shouldn't have waited' and I knew they were right. The whole ride home I was apologizing to those guys. That's where Mr. Cripps was so great because he was like 'yeah Danny, you shouldn't have waited' and he was just all business about it. Truthfully I learned my lesson and I learned the hard way."

From that meet until the regular season ended, they all couldn't wait to get another crack at it - another crack at Brockton and really another crack at anyone who were bold enough to take this group on.

"That (Dartmouth Relay) meet was the wake-up for us, but I think all along Cripps knew that we had the potential, but I don't think he ever told us

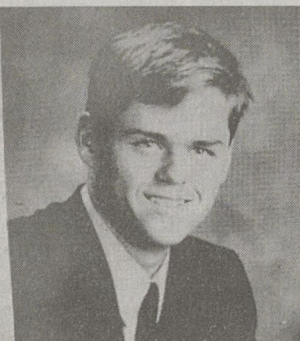
that we had that kind of potential," said Zaya. "I think we surprised ourselves. As the year went on and we had the state relays and we were comparing our times to the other classes. I remember every Sunday morning, I would be looking in the newspapers and seeing what the times were from those Class A and B teams so see where we were in relationship with them."

### GETTING SOME REVENGE

The regular season ended and on came the post-season meets. First was the Class C Eastern Mass Championship Meet. Although as a team Wilmington had some strong athletes, the 18 points came from the first place relay team, a second place finish by Ballou in the 300 and then a sixth place in the mile by Brendan Rogers. All of the other guys competed in their races, multiple trials too, but didn't place.

Then, the final event of the day was the relay team and the group of Zaya, Killilea, Aprile and Ballou breezed past the rest of the field. They fin-

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DENNIS GODIN

track seasons, while Godin was Mr. Versatile, running in basically any short or middle distance event you can name during his unheralded track career.

Killilea joined the indoor track team after one year of playing freshmen basketball. His sophomore season of 1991, track coach Bob Cripps quickly realized that he had something special.

"When (Killilea, Aprile, Ballou and Godin) were sophomores, we told them if they stuck together and worked really hard, in three years they'd win it," said Cripps to Phelps in the same Sun story.

Ballou said the only reason why he joined track was to get faster for football, while Killilea and



rest of the field. They finished at 3:29.4, which was over four seconds better than runner-up Franklin (3:33.7).

"It's not as good of a time as I wanted, but good enough to put us in the All-States next week in good condition," Cripps said to the Sun. "It's hard to run alone. If you've got somebody pushing you, you give that extra effort."

Certainly that happened the following week, the All-States held at Harvard University.

Zaya, who had an incredible memory and could recall so many details and times, described 51 seconds that he will never forget.

"I remember feeling good and remember thinking that we had a shot. Being the lead-off leg, I remember running it and handing the baton off to Tommy Killilea and basically just watching the rest of the race. As the starter, I would always say to myself that if I can't be in first (when I hand the baton off) just be close. Brockton was out in front but I was right behind their runner, but it was a little congested. I was a low 51 (second) runner, which is still fast, but I tried to keep things in perspective because I knew the Brockton kid would run a high 50 (second) and I never ran that fast before. I knew I wasn't going to break a 49 or anything like that."

"I handed the baton off to Tommy Killilea, who was the second leg, and I believe we were in second place. He ran against this kid Kevin Murphy from BC High and I'm telling you he was just the fastest kid ... he was the all-state champ in the 1,000-yards (earlier in the meet) and he just had the stride. He passed Tommy and he also passed the Brockton runner and (BC High) went into first place on the second leg. This kid was the best 1,000 runner in the state but Tommy kept it close. Tommy was about a high 51 (second split) so he and I were kind of similar runners time wise."

Like his longtime pal Zaya, all Killilea wanted to do was keep it as close as humanly possible.

"When Zaya gave me the baton we were probably close (to the lead) so not sure if we were winning or not. It probably took everything that I had for sure just to stay close enough. I'm sure that I didn't create a lead at all, but I think I stayed close enough," said Killilea.

Aprile was next, and he said in this interview that earlier that season Cripps elected to switch up the order, taking him out of the anchor leg spot and moving him to the third spot.

"I thought we did that more because I would get some uptight and it was almost like I felt less pressure to run the third leg," said Aprile. "And Danny was just so competitive

and strong. We felt it was better to put him as the anchor leg. He wasn't going to let you beat him, no way."

In order for Ballou to maintain the lead, he had to get it. That happened, or nearly happened, thanks to Aprile.

"I remember watching Tommy Aprile just picking people off. By the time he got the baton, maybe we were in third or fourth place. I just remember watching him running along the backside of the track and just picking kids off one by one. It was amazing," recalled Zaya.

Said Aprile, "I got the stick and I passed someone right away on that first corner, but Killilea was right there with that kid. On the straightaway going to the next corner, the other kid was right there so it's not like we were that far behind. Killilea stayed right with all of those teams. I passed those two kids and I stayed back a little bit and I crossed over to my final lap. I made a push on the back straightaway and caught that kid, but I just couldn't catch the Brockton kid."

"I handed the baton off to Danny, pretty much at the same time (as Brockton's two runners) and Brockton had just a slight lead. Danny then passed the Brockton kid immediately and he just wasn't going to give it up."

Aprile knew very well that Ballou would get the lead and not give it up. He faced his buddy every day in practice and no matter how hard he tried, Ballou never finished second to him in head-to-head races.

"Danny's more of a sneaky, not cocky, but confident kid and he's just talented. He had just sneaky speed. You would see him walking around and he was all bull-legged and then he starts running and you're like, 'oh I can't catch this kid'. Then when you do catch him, he's like 'I was just joking' and he would go to the next level," said Aprile. "I ran against him every day in practice and a couple of meets and I would say 'I'm going to get today, I'm going to get him today' and I would get up to a certain point and he would be like 'nope, not today'. He just wouldn't let you beat him. He just wouldn't let you."

Did you ever beat him? "I don't think so. Not when it counted. I would have to say no. We were close but he was faster and even if I did catch him, he would just go to the next level just to spite me," said Aprile with a laugh.

Ballou made sure this time that he wasn't finishing in second place.

"Aprile gave the baton to me and I think I was like five or ten yards behind (Brockton's Steve Smith) and I went out and tried to pass him on the first turn," he described. "We literally raced on the back straightaway the whole

way. I passed him and held him off. There were a couple of times I thought he was coming and I was peaking over my shoulder and I just said to myself, 'I'm not losing and I'm not saying sorry to my teammates the entire way home'. I just didn't want to let those guys down."

Meanwhile the other three were watching from the infield, nerves, anxiety to its fullest.

"I remember when Ballou was running, it was a true battle with those guys," said Killilea. "When those guys came around that last turn, the people who were still there realized how close it was and it would be a photo finish, people started to stand up and started to cheer, so it was pretty crazy just tracking it down the final few seconds."

After taking the lead in the first few yards, Ballou never relinquished it and he crossed the finish line slightly ahead of Smith. The collective time for Wilmington was 3:24.54 while Brockton second at 3:24.90. It indeed was a photo finish.

"We were really looking to beat Brockton. We lost to them by nine one-hundredths of a second to them at Dartmouth. We wanted them bad. We wanted to show them that a team like us can win, because they always win and we never do," Ballou said to Phelps after the race.

The 3:24.90 time re-broke their own school record but also broke the state's record. While the four of them were in awe of what they had accomplished, members of other teams were congratulating them too - just for another reason.

"For us to run that 3:24 time was just crazy. If Brockton had won that race, their team would have been All-State Champions, but because we had beaten them, Weymouth was able to slide ahead of Brockton to win the team title. I remember the Weymouth team coming up to thank us."

The four members were able to catch their breath, before trying to explain to Phelps that Wilmington stunned Brockton, which was like Rhode Island being compared to Asia.

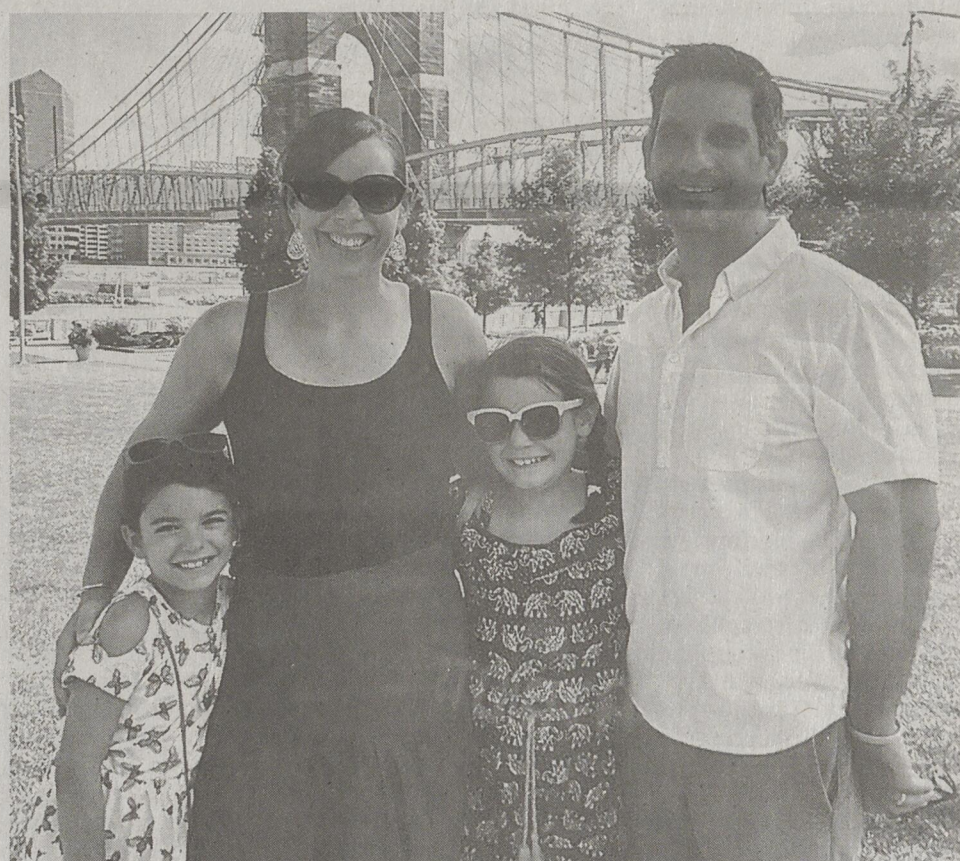
"No one knew who Wilmington was," Zaya said to Phelps. "They didn't have a clue that Wilmington was a contender. But I think we made believers out of everyone here that we can beat the largest high school in the United States."

Brockton may not have been the largest school in the country, but certainly in the state. The school was also a perennial state contender every year in track. In the winter of 1992, it was Brockton's 4x440-yard relay team which had the state's record of 3:25.09.

Now 28 years later, Zaya said it's pretty fun know-



Today Tom Killilea resides in Andover with his wife Jennifer and their children Colin and Isabel. (courtesy photo).



Tom Zaya and his wife Vicki, along with their daughters Lucy (left) and Olivia (right) reside in Cincinnati, Ohio. (courtesy photo).



The Aprile Family, Tommy and Jessica (Harrison), also a graduate and former athlete from the WHS Class of 1993, along with their daughters Taylor and Emerson, reside in Plaistow, NH. (courtesy photo).

ing that it was the Little Engine that Could ... that could beat Brockton.

"I remember reading a quote in one of the (Boston newspapers) from the Brockton coach (Bill Jennings) saying he realized who we were after the Dartmouth Relay Meet. He followed us after that meet and he realized that we were potentially the team that could beat them. Back in the day, Brockton was it. They were the high school boys track team of the state every year. They were just phenomenal."

#### HOP IN THE TRUCK, WE GOTTA GO

Minutes after finishing up the interview with Phelps, the four kids hopped in Cripps' truck and didn't go out for pizza or ice cream.

"Immediately after we won, we all got into Mr. Cripps' truck and headed to New Jersey to compete at the Princeton Relays," said Ballou. "We stayed in a hotel. We jogged maybe once and then ran the next day and not to make excuses but I know I was still sore. We didn't run very well at all and our times showed it. We were pretty slow. It's not like we were out partying, we

were just all pretty beat up from running the All-State Meet race and then sitting in a car for six hours."

Killilea fondly recalls this race, not because of the six-hour trip or that collectively they didn't run well, but that he had the best split time of the four of them.

"We got smoked. I had the fastest split out of the four of us and I was mostly joking but I said to them, 'what the heck was that?' We didn't do well at all," he said.

Again, they got redemption. On March 13th at the University of Rhode Island, the four of them completed the sweep and captured the New England Championship title. This time they ran a time of 3:26.3, finishing ahead of Weaver High from Hartford, Connecticut (3:27.2) and then Falmouth, Andover, Xavier, Connecticut and Weymouth. Brockton chose not to run.

The four of them were slated to run one final time together at the Nationals. Wilmington was seeded fifth heading into the meet with Uniondale, New York first, followed by teams from California, Virginia and then from Brooklyn,

New York. A snowstorm canceled those plans. No one knows what would have happened at the Nationals, just like no one knew what to expect when the four of them were put together for the first time.

"When we were first doing it when we were sophomores, we started it out as really something fun to do. I feel like it was just a good time to go out and once we started winning, it was like 'hey let's see how far we can go with this'. If it didn't work out then hey it didn't work out but from my perspective, I just wanted the four of us to give it our best shot," said Killilea.

They were able to give it their best shot, thanks to the dynamite coaching of Hall of Famer Cripps.

"Cripps knew the year before (that we had the potential)," said Aprile. "That's why he set up the schedule the way he did. We didn't do all of the traveling that we did our junior year. Then all of a sudden, he's taking his weekends off, driving us around and we were staying in hotels with Mr. Cripps which was unique. To me being a part of (the track and relay team) was all just a nice comfort

RELAY C4W





Danny Ballou and his wife Natasha and their son Daniel, reside in Andover. (courtesy photo).

## The 1993 relay team won everything

FROM C3W

zone for me. It was just a place for me to kind of relax and be with a good group of people.”

Zaya that Cripps deserves so much credit for the success of the relay team.

“Cripps was tough but I think it was tough love,” said Zaya. “I know at times he was particularly tough on me, but after senior year and everything was over, he said to me, ‘Tommy the reason why I was so tough on you is because I knew you had it in you’. I always remember him telling me that. I always remember asking myself, ‘why is he always yelling at me?’ It’s because he always knew and he just had tough love for me. I always admired and respected him for that. He told you like it was.”

### GOING OUR SEPARATE WAYS

After graduation, the four of them went down different paths in their lives. Ballou went to Wake Forest and walked on as a wide receiver for the football team. He had a terrific career playing for Jim Caldwell, who went on to coach in the NFL. After he graduated from Wake, he got into coaching, first as a volunteer with Bob Almeida at WHS, before he went to Merrimack College working for Wilmington resident Gerry Sullivan, who was the head coach. Ballou was on the staff as a wide receiver’s coach for four years. He then went to Northeastern for two years as the tight ends coach before coming back to Merrimack for two years under John Perry working as the tight ends/wide receivers/special teams coach.

The coaching came to a halt when his son Daniel, now 11, was born. Danny and his wife Natasha will be married 15 years in

June. They lived for 14 years in Lawrence before buying a house in Andover two years ago. He currently works at Draper Laboratory in Cambridge, Managing Accounts Payable/Payroll, etc.

Killilea went to Colby College and played four years of football. He also lives in Andover – after previously living ten years in New York – with his wife Jennifer and their two children Colin (10) and Isabel (8). His line of work is in Investment Operations Financial Services. He said that once a year he bumps into Ballou.

“I should talk to Ballou more as I think he lives pretty close to me, but it’s strange because there’s 9,000 people at the Feaster 5K (Thanksgiving) race every year and I just always see him there. He’s usually running by me,” he said with a laugh.

Killilea does chat with Zaya a lot more frequently, but it’s usually not face-to-face.

“Since 2006, I’ve been out here in Cincinnati,” Zaya said. “I’m a fifth grade science teacher and this is my 21st year teaching.”

After WHS, Zaya attended St. Anselm College but didn’t play sports. During a year long volunteer program held in California, he met his wife Vicki and the two are proud parents of Olivia (almost 13) and Lucky (10). Before he moved to Ohio, he was a teacher in Billerica at the Dutile Elementary School and also served as an assistant track coach for the indoor and outdoor boys track team at Billerica High.

Zaya said that he doesn’t run anymore, but gets quite the workout in his second job.

“I am a beer vendor. I did (Cincinnati) Reds games for about eight years and have been with the Bengals for about ten

years,” he said. “We have a soccer team FC Cincinnati and have also done the Phoenix Open, concerts – so that’s my summer job being a walking beer vendor. I walk up and down aisles carrying totes of beer and water and try to sell it. It’s something that I have been doing for about ten years now.

“I had to find a summer job. When I first got here, I was a pool manager at a club and that was just too much. Reds fans are kind of fair weather so for me, it just wasn’t worth it because the crowds weren’t as good, plus I moved further away from downtown. The Bengals is a good time. I have a loyal regulars as we call them in the beer vending world and they take care of me. Then the soccer crowds here are awesome and not only do they drink, but they show up and are so into the game.”

As for Aprile, he went into the Army Reserves for six years (plus two inactive years) and then he worked in construction, was in both the Laborers and Carpenter’s Union, then was Managing Projects until he started up his own General Contractor’s Company called “The Core Group” where he works out of Boston.

He married his high school sweetheart, Jessica Harrison, who was also a good athlete, mostly in gymnastics. The couple will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary later this year along with their two daughters, Tayler, 18, and Emerson, 13.

Collectively the four of them have seven kids. You can bet when those seven get older and have their own children, they will hear about how their grandfather(s) beat Brockton back in the winter of 1993.

## College Round-Up returns MacDonald returns to the hill for Babson; Roberts shining at Merrimack

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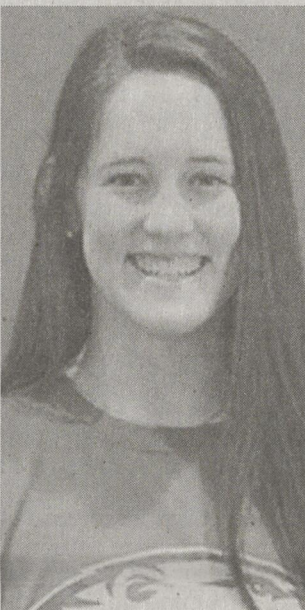
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After far too long of an absence, sports have returned to the local college scene, at least on a limited basis. And with the return of sports also come the return of the Town Crier’s College roundup, where we highlight some of the great athletes from right here in Wilmington who are making their mark at the college level.

This first trip around the local college scenes is a little smaller than our usual roundup due to a variety of circumstances, not the least of which that fewer schools have returned to action at this point. But we are hoping to see it grow as the spring season progresses, and as more and more teams hopefully begin their seasons. As always, if there is anybody we missed this week, please let us know here at the Town Crier and we will do our best to update our list of athletes and include them in future weeks.

### SOFTBALL

Babson College junior pitcher Logan MacDonald returns to the Beavers this season hoping to



LOGAN MACDONALD

build on a freshman season in 2019 were she made eight appearances, including two starts, going 0-1 overall, with a 3.79 ERA and 14 strikeouts in 24 innings, while also pitching one complete game.

MacDonald came to Babson after an amazing high school career at Austin Prep, where she struck out over 1,000 batters in her career, and was a two-time Boston Globe Division 3 Player of the Year.

The Beavers will start their season this Saturday with a double-header at WPI

Rivier University senior infielder Katie Welch is back for her senior season with the Raiders and will be hoping to continue to improve on her sophomore season of 2019 when she batted .217 with seven runs scored and four RBI, while also walking four times.

Welch and the rest of the Raiders will kick off their season this Saturday when they host Northern Vermont-Lyndon.

Framingham State sophomore pitcher Ally Moran is off to a great start this season, with a 2-0 record and a 0.40 ERA to go along with 14 strikeouts in her first two starts. Moran got the Rams season off to a fast start last Wednesday on St. Patrick’s Day, with a complete game 7-1 win over Emmanuel, allowing only three hits while striking out four.

She was even better her next time out, with another complete game win, this time allowing only four hits while striking out ten in a 2-1 win over Suffolk this past Saturday.

### FOOTBALL

Merrimack College junior tight end Tyler Roberts had two catches for 36 yards in the Warriors 26-9 loss to



TYLER ROBERTS

Sacred Heart on Sunday afternoon in Fairfield, Connecticut. The week before, Roberts had one catch for five yards in the Warriors 14-7 loss to Bryant in the opener of their spring season. As of now, the Warriors have just one more game scheduled for the spring, when they hit the road this upcoming Sunday for a matchup with Long Island University.

Roberts also made some news off the field, being named to Merrimack’s President’s List for the Fall 2020 semester. Roberts received this distinction in recognition of his completing the semester with a GPA of 3.75 or higher.

On Tuesday the accolades continued for Roberts as he was named the team’s Offensive and Special Teams’ Performer of the Week.

### BASEBALL

Northern Essex freshman righthanded pitcher Tristan Ciampa seems to be adjusting well to the college game. The former two-sport star at Wilmington High, who starred at quarterback as well as pitcher, has made two appearances on the mound for the for the Knights out of the bullpen, allowing one hit and two walks, while picking up a strikeout in 1 1/3 innings of work.

Franklin Pierce juniors Graham Smith and Danny Gracia are both back with the Ravens this season looking to build on their sophomore success. While the majority of their 2020 season was canceled due to COVID, both made their mark in limited action.

Smith, who is an outfielder, batted .321 in 15 games, while scoring 12 runs and driving in four. Gracia, a righthanded pitcher, made four appearances for the Ravens, including two as a starter, and posted 1-1 record with a 3.46 ERA, striking out six batters over 13 innings of work.

It looks like Salem State sophomore righthanded pitcher Carl Beatrice will finally get to start his college career after having what was supposed to be his freshman season canceled due to COVID in 2020. Beatrice and the Vikings are set to begin their season this Saturday when they host Becker College.

Beatrice entered Salem State on the heels of a great high school career at Wilmington High where he was a 2018 Lowell Sun First Team All Star and was selected to the Wilmington High School 2010-20 All Decade Team.

### LACROSSE

Franklin Pierce freshman midfielder Conor Rooney had quite the college debut last Saturday, with three goals and an assist in a 16-15 loss to Southern New Hampshire. Rooney, in fact, scored the first goal of the season for the Ravens, giving them a 1-0 lead just 1:29 into his college career.

Rooney came to Franklin Pierce after a great career at Shawsheen Tech. While his senior season was

canceled due to COVID, he was a CAC All-Star in both his sophomore and junior and seasons, was a captain for the Rams as a junior.

### SOCCER

Notre Dame junior forward Olivia Wingate and the rest of her Irish teammates got their spring season off to a great start with a 2-0 win over the Cincinnati Bearcats on March 11 at Gettler Stadium. In Cincinnati. The Spring season is a continuation of the fall season that was postponed back in November due to the pandemic, and with the win, the Irish improved their record on the season to 5-5

Wingate has played in nine of the ten Irish games this season, tallying one goal on 15 total shots and six shots on goal.

Northeastern University redshirt senior forward Kayla McCauley and the rest of the Huskies are off to a 3-3-1 start to their spring season, having gone 1-1 over the past couple of weeks, with a 2-0 win over Delaware on March 14, followed by a 3-0 loss to Hofstra this past Saturday.

McCauley has played in all seven games in the newly rebooted season for the Huskies, coming off a 2019 season where she had career highs in goals(3), assists (3), points (9) and minutes (1,136).

### BASKETBALL

Endicott College junior forward/center Morgan Bresnahan had 14 points and 13 rebounds, both team highs, to lead the Gulls to a 73-60 win over Nichols College on Saturday, March 13 in Beverly. It was the first career double-double for Bresnahan, who has started all four games for the Gulls this season and is averaging 6.5 points and seven rebounds on the season.

### GYMNASTICS

University of North Carolina freshman Cory Shinohara was named to the East Atlantic Gymnastics League All-EAGL Scholastic Team for the 2020 calendar year on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

In order to be honored as a Scholastic Team member, a gymnast must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above throughout the 2020 calendar year. Freshmen are eligible with fall 2020 semester grades only.

### TRACK AND FIELD

Merrimack sophomore Ralph Desrosiers helped lead the Warriors to a first place finish at their season opening tri-meet on March 13, earning an eighth place finish in the 200 meters in a time of 23.39 seconds, as the Warriors defeated both Bryant and Long Island University in Smithfield, Rhode Island.

Desrosiers was also part of the Warriors second place 4 x 400 relay team, running the anchor leg as part of a foursome that finished in a time of 3:32.10.

On the Women’s side at Merrimack, Warriors sophomore Alex DiPerri had a big day at the tri-meet against Long Island University and Bryant, earning a fifth place finish in the 100-meter dash in a time of 13.39 seconds, while also being part of the third place 4 x 100 relay team that finished in a time of 51.62 seconds.

DiPerri capped her big day with a fifth place finish in the long jump with a distance of 15’3.5 feet.

Freshman Hannah LaVita is a member of the Springfield College team. She will compete in the high jump. The team’s schedule has yet to be released.

## Wilmington Little League news

Wilmington Little League is excited to announce we are now accepting applications for our 2021 scholarships! A scholarship will be awarded to a deserving alumn from each of our baseball and softball programs.

Criteria: Annual award to a deserving resident of the Town of Wilmington based on his/her contribution to the Wilmington Little League program as displayed by his/her sportsmanship, leadership and general overall attitude. Playing ability is not a consideration for this award.

Player must have participated or volunteered in a Wilmington Little League program (softball or baseball) for at least four years.

Annual amount: to be designated by the Selection Committee.

Use of Scholarship: to be used for continuing education towards a degree program or to a vocational school. The funds are paid to the student after the successful completion of student’s first college or vocational semester.

Scholarship applications are due no later than May 1, 2021 and can be submitted via one of the following methods:

Google Form  
https://forms.gle/BVojgmzVgLrKsFAN8  
Email - Fill out the application and send to wllscholarship@outlook.com. The application can be found on our website  
http://www.wilmingtonlittleleague.org/.../WLL-SCHOLARSHIP

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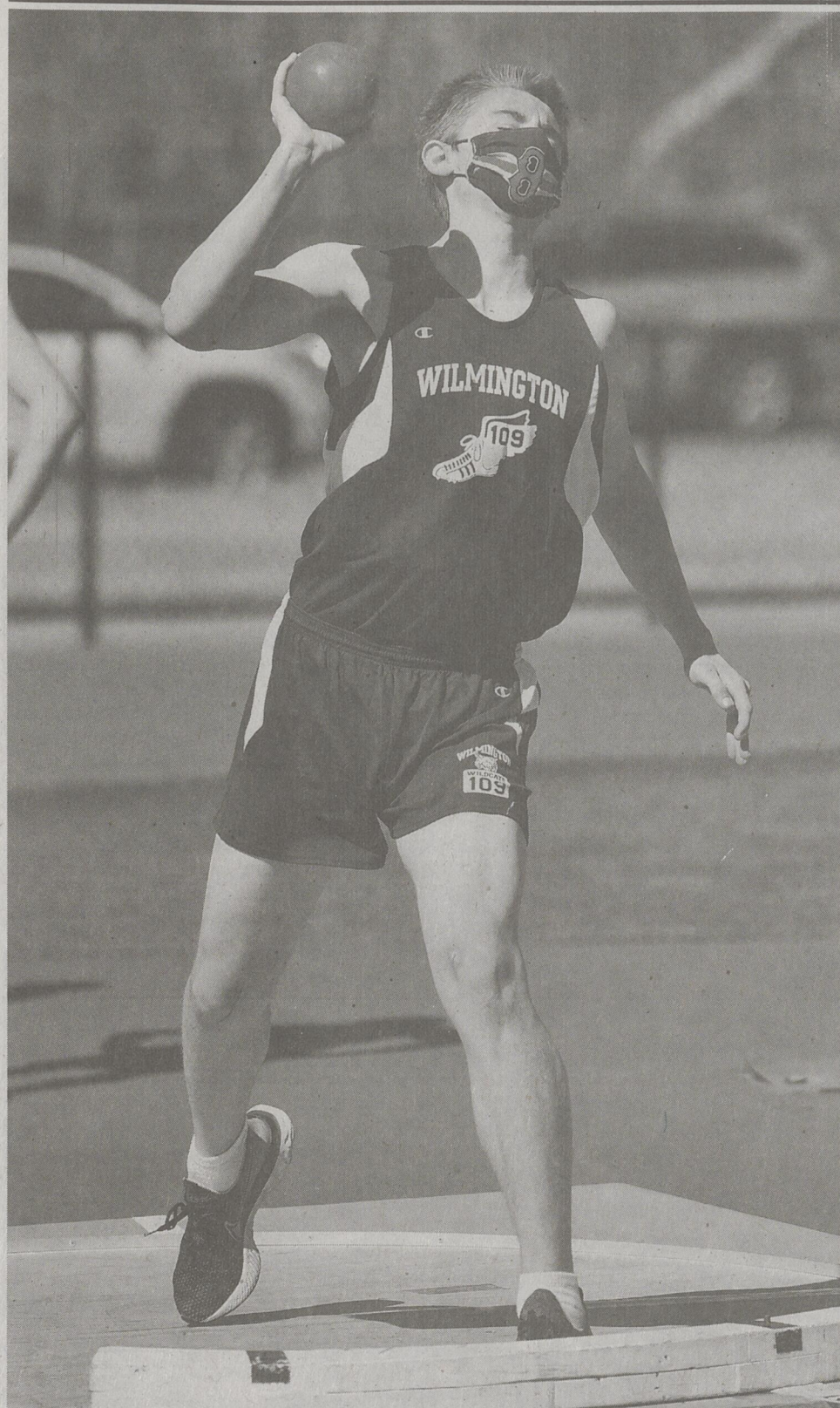
If you have any questions please email LL President Mike Tentindo, wllprez@outlook.com.

### DINE IN NIGHT

The league has also announced that Monday, April 12th, is a Dine and Donate Night to be held at the Red Heat Tavern in Wilmington. Fifteen percent of all sales (either Dine In or Take out) on the entire day will help benefit the little league program.

Red Heat Tavern (978-447-5669) is locat-





John Ware lets one go as he competes in the shot put for the WHS Boys Track team during their Fall-2 season opener held at Burlington High School on Saturday. (photo by Bob DiChiara).

## WHS Girls Track edges out Burlington Behind two-mile trio, Wildcats emerge as winners in season opener

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BURLINGTON - With two events left, and needing seven of the 14 points to win the meet, the trio of Olivia Erler, Shea Cushing and Hannah Bryson came through with flying colors. The trio swept the two-mile race to help the extremely small and young Wilmington High School girls track-and-field team come away with a thrilling 53-47 victory over Burlington in the Fall-2 season opener held on Saturday afternoon.

Erler and Cushing came in at the same time of 14:05 and Bryson was third with a time of 14:37 and that sealed the deal for the win.

"It was a close meet as expected and we knew it was going to be a tough one at that," said head coach Brian Schell. "The weather was great, the meet was well organized and the team was ready to get at them."

"Being in this somewhat unique season, we as a team collectively agreed that we wanted to win this one rather than work on our own individual gains. This meant new events, tough doubling or tripling up and we had a lot of people do all of that. Because of an unfortunate situation, both Shea and Hannah doubled up from the mile earlier

stepping up big time for the team."

Earlier in the meet, Cushing won the mile and Bryson was third with respective times of 6:09 and 6:27. That meant on the day, Cushing scored nine of the team's points and Bryson had two big points.

Three other members of the team also placed in two events each. Celia Kulis was first in the high jump clearing 4-8 and was also second in the 55-meter hurdles at 9.7 seconds to come away with eight points on her own.

"Celia is a well rounded and very versatile athlete," said Schell. "She is very competitive and picked up and adapted to every event she has tried. In just a few weeks and not much practice, she is already able to three step every hurdle. This usually takes many hurdlers months if not seasons to build that kind of rhythm. She also had great jumps in the high jump, even at 4-10. Even had a great battle in a jump of sudden death for first place."

Molly MacDonald also picked up a first and a third to collect six points. She was the best shot put thrower on the day tossing 23-10 and also picked up a third place in the 300-meters running at 47.2 seconds.

"Since day one I told Molly she has great strength and she showed

a lot of it this meet," said Schell. "Stealing the win in the shot put on her last throw after seeing she only needed a few more inches to get it. She also raced hard and got out strong in the first 200-meters of the race. She even looked tough on the final stretch which is one of the biggest things I stressed to them about in this event."

Kayla Flynn came up with several big performances, taking third in both the high jump (4-6) and 55-meter hurdles at 10.4 seconds.

Besides the two mile, Wilmington also swept the 1,000 meters behind Katie McLaughlin (3:36), Mallory Brown with a personal record of 3:37 and Sofia Pitzen at 4:04.

Rounding out the scoring included a first and second in the 55-meter dash with Kaitlyn Doherty (7.6) and Ali Doherty (7.9), a second place by Amanda Broussard in the 300 (44.2) and third places from Isabelle Puccio in the shot put (20-5.50) and Angie Zaykovskaya in the 600-meters with a personal best time of 1:50.

"We have Wakefield (this Saturday) and they are a very tough team. Equally if not more well rounded than Burlington, so we will have to bring our best yet again if we want to win," said Schell.



Above, Emily Doherty competes in the shot put and below, Celia Kulis clears the bar in the high jump during Saturday's win over Burlington. (photos by Bob DeChiara).



### Middlesex League Boys Track Opener

## This time around, Red Devils come away with the victory

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BURLINGTON - For many years, the Burlington High School track program has been a well-oiled machine. The Red Devils have been the cream of the crop or near the cream of the crop every year, enjoying many league titles and successful seasons.

On Saturday afternoon, a banged up Wilmington High School boys team tried to take them off their perch, but weren't able to do just that. The Red Devils came away with a convincing 64-36 victory.

"We lost a tough battle against a strong, well coached Burlington team," said WHS coach Mike Kinney. "It was great to see the kids competing and we are grateful that we are having this indoor season. The seniors have had so much taken away from this year, so it is nice to see them be able to compete as a team, lead the younger kids and push each other. It would have been nice to have more time for preparation especially in the sprinting and field events."

"I feel like if we competed against Burlington ten times we would win five out of the ten. We also had to deal with some nagging injuries that held us back."

Wilmington won five of the events, while several others also placed in a second event. Sam Juergens was first in the 55-meter hurdles (9.07) and also grabbed third place in the high jump (5-4).

Sean Riley was tops in the mile at 4:44.7, while Owen Surette was second at 4:44.9 and also picked up a third place in the two-mile running at 11:01.0.

"Sean Riley looked very calm and collected and ran very well taking the one mile, and running a strong leg to take the lead in the 4x400 relay," said Kinney. "Owen Surette put in an iron man performance with the tough one mile and two mile double,

placing second and third."

Riley, along with Pat O'Mahony, Sean Lydon and Aidan McGrath won the relay with a combined time of 3:46.8. McGrath also won the 600 at 1:28.3, while Lydon and O'Mahony took the top two spots in the 1,000 meters with respective times of 2:52.5 and 2:53.0.

"The 1,000 was also a good event for us with Sean Lydon just edging out teammate Pat O'Mahony to take first and second. The distance crew ran exceptional times for the first meet of the season," said Kinney.

Rounding out the scorers included third places from Colton Sullivan in the long jump (17-10), Jeandre Abel in the 300 (38.40) and Chris Wong in the 55-meter hurdles (9.39).

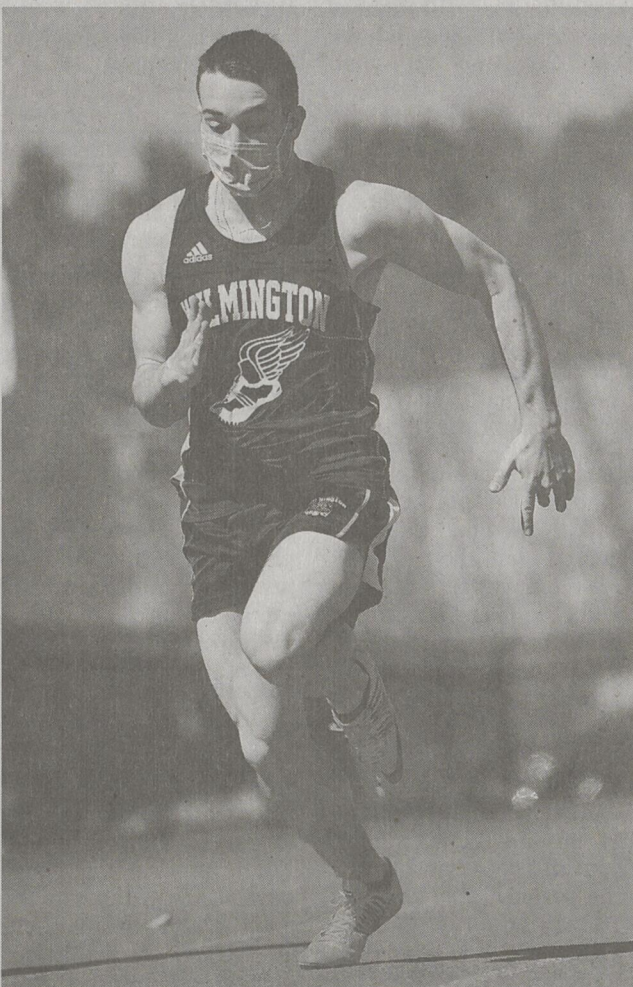
"Colton Sullivan also had a good day in the dash and the long jump. There was a discrepancy with the results of 55-meter dash, but photo evidence shows Colton took second in the

dash (but wasn't credited for it). He also took third place in the long jump," said Kinney.

Wilmington will be back in action with another road meet on Saturday morning, traveling to Wakefield for a 9:00 am start.

"Although we suffered a setback, the entire team has a positive attitude and is focused on improvement," said Kinney. "We know where we stand now, and we are looking forward to some good days ahead."

"As always, we are looking forward to taking another crack at Burlington during the spring season. We don't get much time to rest as we have another major challenge next week against Wakefield on Saturday. We are looking to get a good week of practice, and improve on some of our weaknesses."



Colton Sullivan competed for the WHS Boys Track team during Saturday's loss to Burlington. (photo by Bob DeChiara).



Rewinding the Clock

# Boys Hockey team were D2 state finalist back in 2008

Over this winter season, we started the series on the most dominating WHS winter sports teams from previous seasons. The series started with the 2001-2002 Boys Basketball team and followed with stories on 2006-'07 Girls Hockey team, the WHS Wrestling seasons from 2000-01 and 2004-05, the 2006-'07 WHS Girls Basketball team, the 1983-'84 Boys Hockey team and last week we featured the 2003-04 WHS Boys Basketball team (the headline was incorrect).

The story below, which appeared in the March 18, 2008 edition of the Town Crier, is on the WHS Boys Hockey team's loss in the Division 2 state championship game to Sandwich.

Also in this section, is the epic North Sectional Final game, a victory over Tewksbury, which pushed the 'Cats into the state final.

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BOSTON - Coming so close only made the ending hurt more, but you will not find one coach, parent, player or fan of the Wilmington High hockey team that has any regrets about the past few weeks of the state tournament or for that matter the entire magical season, despite the pain of the ending, which came on Sunday afternoon at the TD Banknorth Garden when the Wildcats lost a heartbreaking 1-0 decision to Sandwich in the Division 2 state championship game.

Wildcats coach Steve Scanlon echoed the sentiments of all Wildcats followers after the game.

"We had a great year. It was just a thrill," Scanlon said. "Sometimes getting here is the most fun. We had some thrilling wins this season and we accomplished something that had never been done in Wilmington by winning a sectional title. Hopefully we will take the next step someday."

The North champion Wildcats were victims of an early second period goal by the South champion Blue Knights, with sophomore Craig Brubaker beating the otherwise impenetrable Mike Cabral between the pads at the 4:28 mark of the period. They were also victims of Sandwich freshman goalie Pat Farrington, who made 22 saves to earn the shutout.

It was the Wildcats first trip to the state finals since 1984 when they suffered an 8-3 loss to Christopher Columbus High School at the old Boston Garden. In those days there was no North Sectional, and the Wildcats were playing for the Eastern Mass. crown.

It was the first ever state championship for a Sandwich team that finished their season with a record of 20-2-3, while the

Wildcats, shut out for the first time this season, wrapped up their season at 17-3-4.

After being outplayed for much of the first period and in the early going of the second period, the Wildcats controlled play for much of the game after the Blue Knights took their lead. The Wildcats were outshot 6-1 in the first period, not recording their first shot on goal until under a minute remained in the period when Kevin Flanagan got off a long wrist shot, but they ended up outshooting Sandwich 22-21 for the game.

"I thought we got off to a good start in the first five minutes of the game, but after that we did not generate anything on offense in the first period," Scanlon said. "But we came back and played much better as the game went on and we took it to them in the third."

And Wilmington certainly had their chances to tie the game late in the third period, with senior defenseman Max Wilkins having one of the best chances with 5:00 left in the game on a slap shot from the point, which Farrington did not see until the last second when he flashed out his left pad to thwart the bid.

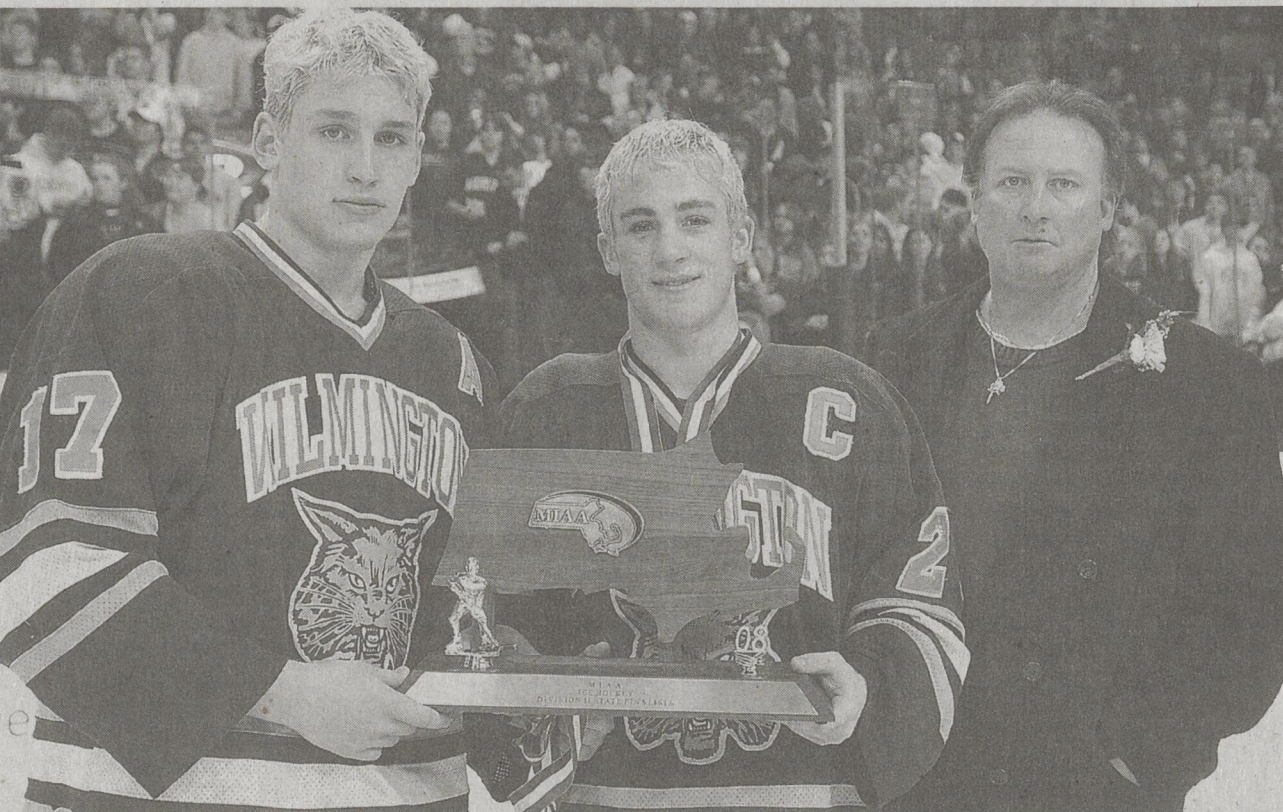
Senior Eric Siegel, who was tremendous all game long had a great chance with about two minutes left, close in on Farrington, but once again it was a quick pad save by the freshman that kept the Wildcats off the scoreboard.

Junior defensemen Timothy Parker had on opportunity for the Wildcats with about 45 seconds left and the extra attacker on the ice after Cabral had been pulled from the net, but Farrington was equal to the task, and the Wildcats were denied despite their best efforts.

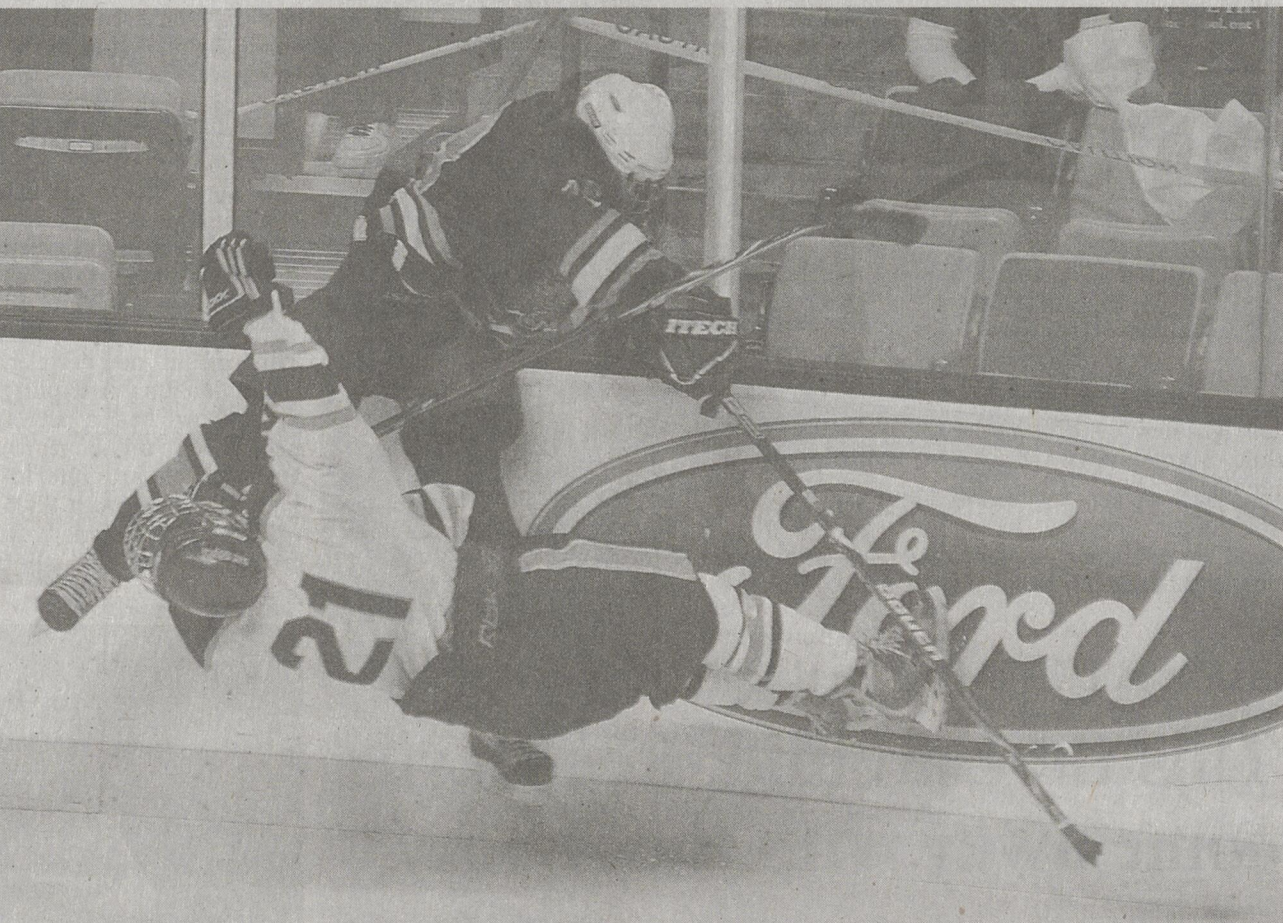
Wilmington's numerous chances in the final minutes, and their territorial edge in play throughout the third period, would seem to fly directly in the face of the assessment of Sandwich coach Derackk Curtis, who for some reason was a little less than effusive in his praise for this gritty Wildcats team.

"I didn't know a thing about them, but they had that one solid line there," said Curtis. "That number 17 (Siegel) was a big guy. But they weren't as fast as us which was a nice thing, and I don't think they were in shape or as conditioned as us as well. I thought we wore them out and I thought they were a little slow in the third period."

The Wildcats most certainly did not look to be out of condition in the second period either after the Sandwich goal. Up until then, the Wildcats had appeared a little sluggish, as if they were afraid to make a mistake, but after



In 2008, the WHS Boys Hockey team played in the Division 2 State Championship game, losing 1-0 to Sandwich. Accepting the finalist trophy after the game were Eric Siegel, Ernie Mello and head coach Steve Scanlon. (file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).



Kevin Flanagan was a big, physical force for the WHS Boys Hockey team during the 2008 season. (file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

the goal they seemed to get a spark and controlled play for the rest of the period.

Junior Sean Tavares had a nice opportunity off a 2-on-1 with a nice pass from Parker halfway through the period and Siegel had a great opportunity moments later with a great individual move in tight on Farrington and then another opportunity on the rebound.

After killing off two consecutive Sandwich power plays, the Wildcats went back to work with a power play chance of their own and leading scorer Ernie Mello had a couple of opportunities, the first of which came on a nice setup in front from Siegel, but once again the Wildcats were denied.

As good as Farrington was in net for the Blue Knights, the Sandwich defense played an equally key role in keeping the Wildcats of the scoreboard.

"For a young kid, he did

a real good job," Scanlon said of Farrington. "They are a good balanced team and their four defenseman are as good as you will find. They don't allow second or third opportunities. They do a good job of cleaning up and when there is a rebound the defense clears it out."

While Farrington played well for Sandwich, he could to compare to the job that Cabral did in net for the Wildcats. The senior netminder had been outstanding throughout the tournament, particularly in the sectional final win over Tewksbury when he made 41 saves, and he continued his hot play in the most important game of the year.

While the Wildcats controlled territorial play and had more chances for most of the second half of the game, the Blue Knights had the better opportunities throughout the game. They may have only getting a few

chances per period, but they were sparkling chances and Cabral had to come up huge to prevent the Wildcats from falling into a two or three goal hole.

Late in the second period, it looked as if Sandwich was going to extend their lead with under a minute to go, but Cabral twice came up with big stops, one of them one a one on one opportunity in close. He had previously made a brilliant glove save with about seven minutes to go in the frame and Sandwich on a power play.

In the third period, he stoned Brubaker, who was vying for his second goal of the game about five minutes into the period, and with 7:45 left in the contest he made the stop of the game on a glove save after a Sandwich steal at the blue line had led to another one on one opportunity.

"Mike has been solid for us all season long,"

Scanlon said. "He made some big saves or the game could have gotten away from us. He just did what he has done all year long and he kept us in the game."

While it must have been tough for the Wildcats to walk out of the Garden on Sunday after suffering such a tough loss, Scanlon, in his 17th year as coach of the Wildcats, knows his team, particularly his seniors will one day be able to look back on this season for the tremendous success that it was.

"The kids are disappointed. I tried to tell them that the sting will go away and they will realize all they accomplished this season," Scanlon said. "We've had our struggles over the last couple of years, where we did not even make the tournament, and these seniors fought through it and came out on the other side. It's a good way to go out if you are a senior."

## Of course, no one can forget the Sectional Final thriller

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BILLERICA - While everybody lost an hour of sleep last Saturday night due to Daylight Savings Time, it is quite likely that players and fans of the Tewksbury and Wilmington High hockey teams lost a lot more than just the usual hour in the aftermath of Wilmington's 4-3 shootout victory in the Division 2 North Sectional Final at the Chelmsford Forum.

While the Wildcats and their followers likely could not sleep due to the exhilaration of one of the most thrilling wins in the history of the program, the Redmen must have been

kept up with thoughts of the countless missed opportunities in a game where they outshot their opponents 40-19 in regulation and hit a post in overtime before falling by a 2-1 margin in the shootout that followed the extra session.

When Wilmington goalie Mike Cabral stopped Tewksbury's Marc Legere on the Redmen's fifth and final attempt of the shootout, it set off a wild celebration on the Wilmington side as Cabral was mobbed by his teammates, while Legere and the rest of his Redmen teammates, who had battled valiantly, could only look on in stunned silence as their arch rivals punched their ticket to the Division 2 State Finals where they will take on Sandwich this Sunday

afternoon at 2:45 at the TD Garden.

"There were points in the game when I could not even breathe," Wilmington coach Steve Scanlon said. "We made history tonight. We had never won a Sectional before and now we are hoping to wrap it all up next Sunday."

While the Wildcats and Scanlon will move on in their quest for a state title, the loss was a bitter pill to swallow for the Redmen and coach Derek Doherty, who had his birthday on Saturday, but was in no mood for a celebration after the game. The Redmen had dominated the game at times, out shooting the Wildcats by a 21-7 margin in the first period, but holding just a 2-1 lead on the scoreboard at the end of

the opening frame.

"This is tough. I thought our kids played well," Doherty said. "I thought they played well. We outshot them by a 2 to 1 margin. I don't know this is tough. Just really tough. I thought we played well, and I thought we were going to win the game."

Seniors Mike Enwright and Eric Siegel scored the goals in the shootout for the Wildcats, with Siegel's proving to be the game winner. Siegel also scored a shorthanded goal in the second period which tied the game at 2-2 and assisted on the Wildcats third goal of the game later in the period.

Tewksbury had tied the game at 3-3 on a goal by Paul Tosto at 4:04 of the third period, and while both teams had chances throughout the rest of the

period, the game headed to overtime deadlocked at 3-3.

Both teams had tremendous chances in overtime, with the Redmen probably having the best opportunity when Scott Capraro drilled a shot off the far post on a slap shot from just outside the blue line just over a minute into the extra session.

Wilmington was not without its chances in the overtime period, with senior Ernie Mello probably having the best opportunity on a great wrap around attempt halfway through the eight minute period. For a moment the entire packed arena thought the puck was in the net, but Tewksbury netminder Joshua Silberberg somehow made the stop to preserve the tie.

"I thought he got it. I

don't know what happened, if (Silberberg) got a stick on it, but everyone thought it was in, and so did I," Scanlon said. "(Silberberg) was scrambling on all fours so he must have got it."

Although it did not seem possible, the drama only intensified as the teams prepared for the shootout that would determine a spot in the state finals. With fans on both sides of the arena going wild during the brief intermission, the respective coaches chose the five players who would try to make history for their school.

Michael Enwright started things off well for Wilmington, scoring on the Wildcats first opportunity, and when Siegel scored a brilliant goal into

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# Of course no one can forget the Sectional Final thriller

FROM C6W

the top shelf for a 2-0 advantage with only three shots remaining, things looked bleak for the Redmen. But senior Mike Taylor managed to beat Cabral with a nice move to pull the Redmen within 2-1.

After two more stops by Silberberg, Cabral, who was outstanding all night with 41 saves in regulation and overtime, was called upon to make one more stop and he came up huge. Legere put on a nice fake and waited as long as possible in an attempt to pull Cabral out of position, but the senior goalie was as superb in this situation as he was all night long, smothering Legere's shot for his final stop of the night.

Scanlon was obviously thrilled with the way Cabral played not only in the shootout, but throughout the game, particularly in the first period when he made 19 saves.

"In the shoot-out I'm comfortable with him. He's good. And he played tremendous. They put 20 shots on us in the first period," Scanlon said. "They were really bombing us. But that's a real good team over there. We struggled all night long trying to control their speed. But you need a hot goalie in the tournament and (Cabral's) as hot as a pistol right now."

While Scanlon and the Wildcats more than earned their way into the state finals, even the winning coach had his reservations about a sectional championship being decided in the shootout format. Scanlon, who also coaches the Wildcats soccer team has now seen this format from both sides, having seen his Wildcats eliminated from this year's soccer tournament on penalty kicks.

"I don't agree with the way they end them because it's a team game and a team should win it or lose it, not an individual contest," Scanlon said. "We have been victims of it and on the other side of it. I understand they have to move (the tournament) along but that's not fun."

In the early going of the game, it certainly did not appear that an overtime period or a shootout would be necessary, as Tewksbury came out of the gates flying and dominated the opening minutes of the game.

Taylor got the Redmen on the board early with a goal at 3:47, off of a great set up in front from Legere, and the Redmen made it 2-0 at 9:07 when senior Scott Capraro took a great pass from Paul Tosto and scored on a brilliant backhand shot to the top of the net.

It looked as if the Redmen had the potential to break the game open, but the Wildcats put those thoughts to rest before Tewksbury fans had even had a chance to settle back into their seats when



The 2007-08 WHS Boys Hockey team celebrated as the Division 2 North Sectional champions after their epic OT win over Tewksbury. (file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

eight seconds after Tosto's goal, Ernie Mello pounced on the rebound of a Siegel shot sitting in the crease to pull Wilmington within 2-1. That is how the period ended, with Tewksbury holding a 21-7 edge in shots on goal.

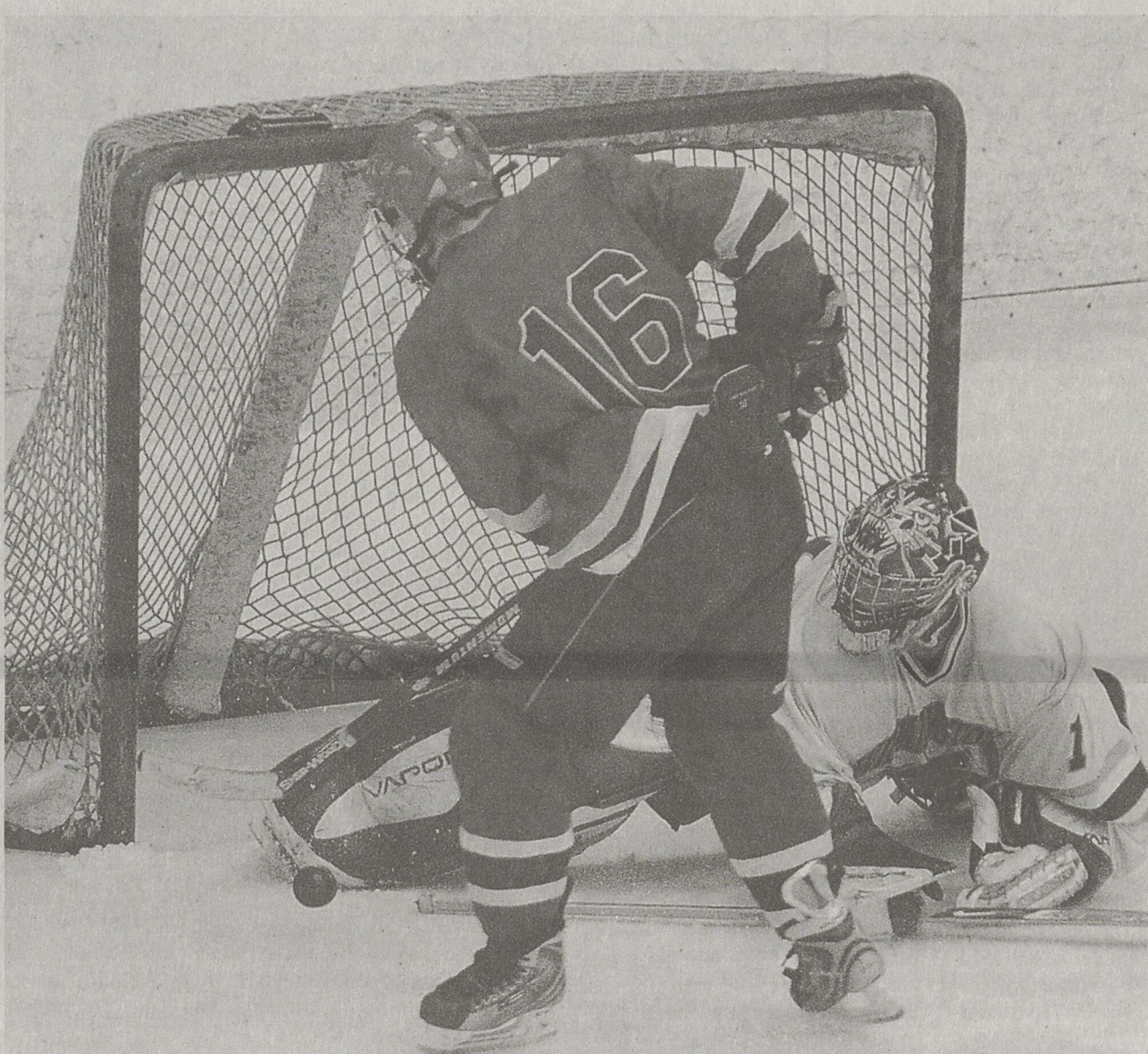
"We knew it was going to be a dogfight and they really came out hard in the first period," Scanlon said. "When we got down two goals, I thought we were in big trouble. But we came back and got that quick goal and that was a key goal and that got us back in the game."

Wilmington would score the next two goals, with the biggest one coming from Siegel while the Wildcats were shorthanded at 8:57 of the period. Siegel stole the puck at the Tewksbury blue line and put a nice move on Silberberg to tie the game at 2-2.

The momentum from the shorthanded tally seemed to spark the Wildcats as they controlled play for next few minutes and then capitalized then Mello scored his second goal of the game at the 12:00 mark for a 3-2 lead. Brian Svensson and Siegel assisted on the goal and the Wildcats had the lead going into the final period.

Despite the deficit, Doherty felt that with the exception of a couple of mistakes, his team had played very well through the first two periods

"We were rolling (through the first period) and we played really well. In the second period we made some mistakes, little ones like an errant pass, or a blocked shot where they took advantage of but those kinds of mistakes happen in hockey," Doherty said. "It's not



The save that won the game! Michael Cabral stuffed Tewksbury's Marc Legere with a beautiful right pad save which gave Wilmington the win over the Redmen in a shoot-out. (file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

like we made the big mistakes of a kid not back checking or picking up his man. The ones we made are a part of hockey. They took advantage of it."

Because of how well his team had played, Doherty was still confident in his team as they entered the third period and he was rewarded for that confidence when Tosto scored

on a rebound at the 4:04 mark of the period. Capraro and Tom MacLeod assisted on the goal that tied the game at 3-3.

"When we were down by a goal going to the third period the kids were down and we reminded them about this whole season and how many times we came back. We just told them to stay positive and focused, and go shift by shift like we've been doing all season long," Doherty said "Then we popped the goal to tie the game and I thought we were going to roll to the win. I don't want to sound negative

towards Wilmington or anything but I thought we outplayed them. I thought we were the better team. But I tip my cap to Wilmington and to their goalie. He was outstanding."

The Redmen saw their memorable season end with an overall record of 17-4-3, which included a 3-2 win over the Wildcats in the regular season finale for both teams. Despite the obvious disappointment in the loss, Doherty will look back on this season for its many successes as opposed to its one disappointment. And he will also look back with great

memories of the ten seniors who helped lead the team to so many of their victories.

"I'm proud of the kids. They had a great year, a great year. We haven't had a team like this since 1996," Doherty said. "The seniors were great all year. No one at the start of the year even had us on the map. I don't care what anyone says, no one had us on the map. But I knew those kids were hard workers. They are ten good hockey players and ten real good kids."

## Smolinsky, Wildcats make history

FROM C1W

some guys open at times but the pass rush got to them."

Offensively for the 'Cats, all but two of the 38 players were on the ground. Misuraca led the team with 71 yards on 13 carries, while Erickson with 13 for 58 and Smolinsky with 14 for 43.

"Offensively, we just need to finish drives," said Turner. "We would get going, getting four or five yards in a pop, then we would get a penalty or a negative play. That's stuff is to be expected I guess because this is the first time that we have seen anybody. (Burlington) threw a lot at us. That's a real good coaching staff and I know a lot of those guys are former college coaches. I'm just really proud of the kids as they played really hard."

"I thought we were very, very close to breaking a

lot of those runs. We just didn't get there. The backs ran very hard, we just have to clean up some stuff and get some consistencies. They all run hard and are going to get plenty of touches."

Turner was asked about not completing a pass all game and if there were plays designed for the pass, but just didn't happen for various reasons.

"A lot of the time when we were in the shot gun, those are run-pass-options and we were trying to throw it but he didn't, and we certainly had some plays that we could have done there," he answered. "We didn't feel like we were protecting well enough as our right tackle Jack Malloy went out so we had a real inexperienced kids in there at tackle so we just had to pick our spots and protect them."

"To be frank, we were trying to stay away from their defensive end (Ray Magliozzi). He's just a fantastic player. He's going to Southern Connecticut on a football scholarship and you can see why. He was just fantastic out there so legitimately in the second half, the game plan was to stay away from him, try to throw some different formations at him and try to surprise him."

Wilmington will be back in action with another road game this Saturday against Wakefield (11:00 am). This will mark the tenth meeting between the two schools in Wakefield leads 7-2, with the two Wilmington wins coming in 2015 (13-6) and 2017 (20-15). Wakefield has held Wilmington to nine points or less in five of the nine meetings.

## WHS FOOTBALL BOX SCORE

WILMINGTON 3, BURLINGTON 0

Wilmington (1-0)	0	0	0	3	-3
Burlington (0-1)	0	0	0	0	-0
W: Stephen Smolinsky 24 Field Goal					

Team Stats		
	W	B
First Downs	12	5
Rushes-Yards	47-160	22-18
Pass-Att-Int	0-3-0	4-9-1
Passing Yards	0	49
Total Yards	160	67
Penalties-Yards	6-48	3-30
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0

### Individual Stats

Passing: Wilmington, None; Burlington, Nick Berglund 4-for-9, 49 yards, 0 TDs, 1 INT.

Rushing: Wilmington, Marcello Misuraca 13-71; Gavin Erickson 13-58; Stephen Smolinsky 14-43; Pedro German 7 - (-12); Burlington, Ryan McGillivray 10-37; Sammy Doherty 1-0; Matt Pinkham 1 - (-2); Nick Berglund 10 - (-17).

Receiving: Wilmington, None; Burlington, Matt Pinkham 2-40; Ryan McGillivray 1-7; Cole Frieden 1-2.



# Rams continued to get blocked in the win column

Volleyball teams falls in another close battle

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BILLERICA - Every time they take the court, the Shawsheen Tech Volleyball keeps coming closer to picking up their first win of the season.

That was certainly the case for the Rams on Tuesday afternoon when they took on CAC rival Lowell Catholic at the Mark Donovan Gymnasium, as the Rams battled their new league rivals for five sets before finally succumbing by a score of 3-2 (16-25, 25-17, 25-15, 24-26, 15-9) to drop their record on the season to 0-4.

First year Shawsheen coach Kelsey Rapoza has loved the effort she has seen from her team this season, and Tuesday was no exception, but she would just like to see the Rams believe in their abilities a little more.

"We played well at times, and we keep getting into situations where the match is a real nail biter and then sometimes we are our own worst enemy," Rapoza said. "I think they get down on themselves a little too much. If we are playing great, our motivation and out attitude is fantastic, but when things start to go against us, it starts to fade."

A perfect example of that for the Rams came in the second set of Tuesday's match. After rolling to a 25-16 first set victory behind the efforts of junior Sarah Comeau, as well as Danielle Wilson of Tewksbury, the Rams quickly fell behind in the second set, trailing 8-4 early on, and never truly recovered, on their way to dropping the set by a score of 25-17.

It was more of the same for the Rams in the third set, as they started off well, jumping out to a 9-6 lead thanks to some fine serving from freshman Cade

Barron and some great hitting from sophomore Kiley McFadden. But a 10-0 run by Lowell Catholic completely switched the momentum as the Crusaders took a 16-9 lead and never looked back, winning 25-15, taking a 2-1 lead in sets for the match.

"We had won the first set and played really well, but we got down a little early in the second set and you could just see they were very frustrated," Rapoza said. "I tell them all the time in situations like that, that, they have every right to be frustrated, but how you deal with the frustration is key. I think that is our biggest issue. They are still pulling for each other and working hard, but sometimes we just can't get out of that frustrated mindset when we are losing."

The Rams seemed to solve that problem pretty well in the fourth set. This time around when they fell into an 8-4 hole, they fought back to first close within 12-9 and then eventually take the lead at 16-13, forcing Lowell Catholic to take a timeout. Lowell Catholic scored four straight points coming out of the timeout to take a 17-16 lead, leading to an epic finish to the set.

The Rams got several big plays down the stretch, starting with a key kill from junior Kayla Mirisola of Tewksbury to make the score 19-18, followed by a couple of big points from Isabella Schena to make it 21-20 in favor of the Rams.

Lowell Catholic looked poised for victory shortly thereafter, when they took a 24-23 lead, but Rams junior Bianca Corso of Wilmington tied the score at 24-24 and then eventually got the winning kill to give the Rams a 26-24 win and tie the match a 2-2.

"Bianca had some big plays for us," Rapoza said. "She has been hitting really well for us. She has just been phe-

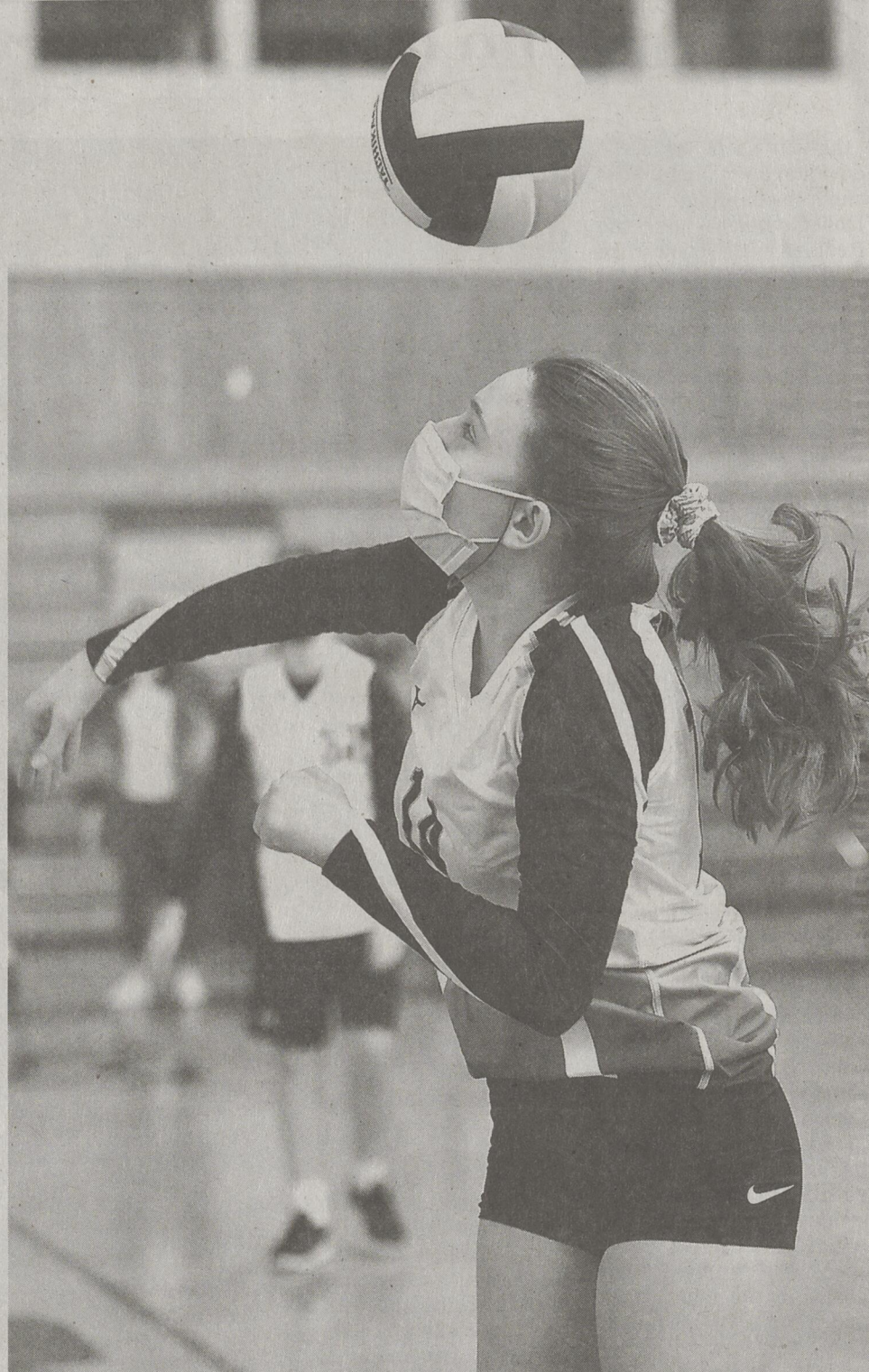
nomenal."

Corso was not alone in her strong efforts on the day, as the Rams also got big games from Comeau, Danielle Wilson and Mirisola.

"Sarah (Comeau) was a real standout for us. Chloe Gaglione got hurt and Sarah went in for her and just did a great job serving, especially in the fifth set. Her attitude alone make her a huge asset for our team," Rapoza said. "Danielle (Wilson) did a great job for us at the net, and Kayla (Mirisola) did a nice job both passing and hitting the ball."

The Rams battled back in the fifth set as well, coming back from an early 11-3 deficit to close within 14-9, but it wasn't quite enough as they fell 15-9 to give the Crusaders the victory.

The Rams will be back in action on Thursday when they travel to Lowell Catholic for a rematch with the Crusaders at 5:30, followed by another road tilt on Friday, this time against Essex Tech at 5:30.



Shawsheen's Kayla Mirisola makes contact with the ball to send it back over the net during a recently played home volleyball match. (photo by Bob DeChiara).



The Shawsheen Tech Volleyball team includes Tewksbury residents from left, Danielle Wilson, Cade Barron, Isabella Schena, Kayla Mirisola, and Kiley McFadden. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Tips for when your arm hurts after playing baseball/softball

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TEWKSBURY -- Believe it or not, spring is here! And every spring, baseball and softball coaches and parents inevitably hear players say, "My arm hurts." It is a good idea, therefore, to educate yourself about arm injuries in throwing sports and about the dangers of trying to play through pain.

Here are some tips to help you discern pain from soreness, some reasons why it is important to avoid playing through pain, and some ways to address arm soreness.

**Soreness vs. Pain in Baseball and Softball**

It is not unusual for athletes to experience shoulder or elbow soreness after throwing. Common places to feel soreness are in the bicep (front of the arm), near the elbow or shoulder, in the triceps (back of the arm) near the elbow, and in the back of the shoulder (which is usually associated with the rotator cuff).

Before a coach shuts down a player's pitching or a parent calls the doctor, it is important to talk with the athlete about what he/she is experiencing.

Though it is always better to proceed on the side of caution, signs of simple soreness include: Muscles feeling tired or tight; Soreness that loosens up

with light stretching or activity; Soreness after the first few times throwing in the spring.

Signs that the soreness may be something more serious include: Pain that is sharp in nature; Pain that worsens with activity. Symptoms that do not resolve after warming up.

### Do Not Play Through Pain

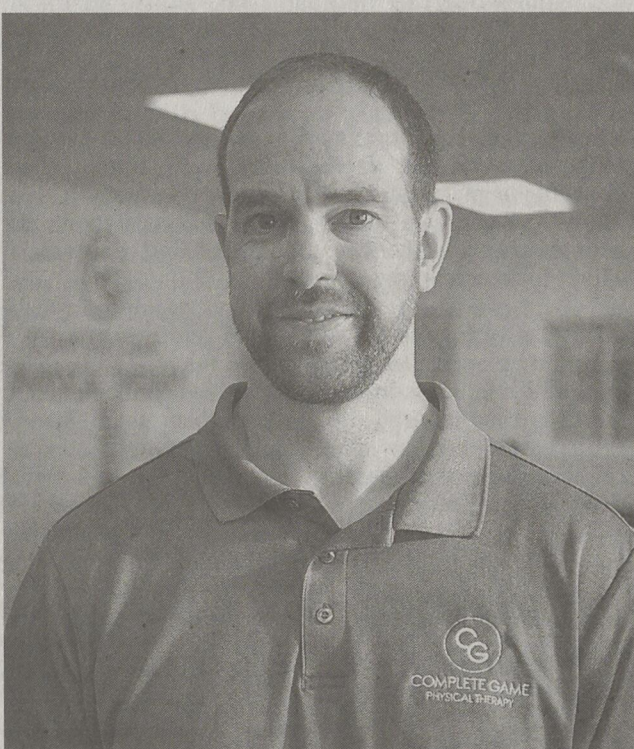
Pain changes everything. There are two primary reasons that playing through pain is a bad idea. First, pain often is a sign that something is seriously wrong. Pain can indicate injury to structures in the arm such as the UCL (the Tommy John ligament) of the elbow, rotator cuff of the shoulder, or growth plates in bones of the elbow or shoulder.

Second, pain will alter motor control. It will diminish awareness of body position which can lead to not only decreased performance, but also to compensations which can result in injury in other areas.

### Soreness Rules

The American Sports Medicine Institute has developed guidelines to follow if your athlete is experiencing arm soreness with throwing.

If sore more than one hour after throwing, or the next day, take one day off and repeat the most recent throwing program



Greg Crossman of Complete Game Fitness in Tewksbury.

workout.

If sore during warm up, but soreness is gone within the first 15 throws, repeat the previous workout. If shoulder or elbow becomes sore during this workout, stop and take two days off. Upon return to throwing, reduce number and intensity of throwing.

If sore during warmup and soreness continues through the first 15 throws, stop throwing and take two days off. Upon return to throwing, reduce number and intensity of throwing.

### Summary

Shoulder soreness is a common occurrence in youth baseball and soft-

## MIAA approves sectional tournament for upcoming spring season

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Board of Directors approved a MIAA sponsored post season sectional tournament for the 2021 spring season at their March 12, 2021 meeting.

The MIAA Board held a follow up meeting today, March 17, 2021, to review spring tournament survey data received from member school principals and athletic directors as requested at the March 12, 2021 meeting.

The survey gathered feedback on potential MIAA spring tournament extension to include state semi-final and final rounds.

The MIAA Board of Directors approved the extension of a MIAA spring tournament to include a semi-final and final round. The MIAA Tournament Management Committee is tasked with creating a tournament schedule and guidelines which includes state semi-final and final rounds.

The MIAA Board of Directors affirmed the previously established cut-off date of June 15, 2021 to remain as a directive to the Tournament Management Committee

when establishing scheduling guidelines.

MIAA President Jeffrey Granatino stated, "I'm glad that the collective work of our Board of Directors, Covid-19 Task Force and Tournament Management Committee has allowed for us to not only have an upcoming spring season, but one which will provide for a sectional and statewide tournament. It has not been an easy task but it is one that has always the best interests of our student-athletes in mind."

The Tournament Management Committee will meet to establish the MIAA state tournament schedule which will be available as soon as possible.

Bill Gaine, MIAA Executive Director commented, "Affording our spring season student-athletes a full tournament opportunity is a credit to our Association's Standing Committees. The special nature of this Spring Tournament structure is that it is an opt-in as well as an opt-out opportunity, thus providing member schools to determine their own path."



# Shawsheen falls just short -- defeated by Northeast, 22-20

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WAKEFIELD - Football can be a funny game.

It also sometimes can seem to be a little unfair.

Take the case of the Shawsheen Tech Football team. A couple of weeks ago in their season opener against Lowell Catholic, the Rams had done just enough to come away with an 11-6 victory, despite not playing anywhere close to their best game. They know they would have to be much better when they took on Northeast Metro Tech in their second game.

And they were. In virtually every aspect of the game, with the exception of turnovers, the Rams were much better than they had been the week before. It wasn't even close. And their reward for their much improved play? A 22-20 loss to CAC rival Northeast last Friday night at Wakefield High's Landrigan Field, with a failed two-point conversion in the fourth quarter providing the margin of defeat in this hard fought battle.

While the Rams were very much improved, they were not perfect. In fact, they were their own worst enemy at times, with two turnovers on interceptions as well as botching an onside kick recovery, but they also received no breaks in their favor for the entire game.

Northeast, for example, turned the ball over only one time, on an interception, but they also fumbled on three other occasions. Each time they either recovered, or the play was blown dead despite a Shawsheen recovery.

The Knights also were not called for any penalties for the entire game, despite running a double wing offense which is normally ripe for holding penalties. The Rams meanwhile, were whistled for six penalties for 65 yards, including two holding penalties and two 15-yard illegal block penalties.

"We didn't get any breaks at all," Costabile said. "But we battled and we battled to the end, and that is a testament to these kids. It's a very difficult offense to stop. There is a lot of deception and a lot of counters. You have to stay home and stay disciplined and we learned a lot today. We are a better football team at the end these four quarters."

The game was a back and forth affair throughout, with the teams trading fire half scores and going to the break tied at 14-14 until Northeast broke the tie early in the fourth quarter after taking advantage of a Shawsheen turnover.

Northeast had received the kickoff to start the second half and had driven from their 30-yard line all the way to the Shawsheen 30, before the drive stalled and eventually came to an end on an interception by the Rams Jonah Varallo with 4:44 left in the third quarter.

The Rams couldn't take advantage of their good fortune, however, keeping the ball for just two plays, the first of which was a holding penalty, and the second being an interception returning the ball to the Knights at the Shawsheen 24-yard line.

Northeast, on the other hand, did take advantage of their good fortune, going on a seven play drive that included 15-yard gain on a fourth and ten play, finally breaking the tie on the first play of the quarter on a one-yard quarterback sneak by quarterback Jared Hughes, followed by a conversion run by Trevor Tango to make the score 22-14 with 11:54 left in the game.

Shawsheen started the ensuing drive at the 50-yard line after recovering a Northeast onside kick.

Led by some key runs from senior running back Diondre Turner of Tewksbury (11 carries, 55 yards) the Rams had driven to the Northeast 22-yard line, and had appeared to score a touchdown on 22-yard run by Turner, only to have the score called back for a 15-yard penalty for an illegal block, moving them back to the 37-yard line.

On the next play, however, senior quarterback Chris Disciscio (8-for-12, 125 yards, 3 TD's, 2 INT's) connected with senior wide receiver Pete Caniff for a 35-yard gain to give them a first and goal at the Northeast two-yard line.

Three plays later, Disciscio rolled to his right and once again found Caniff, this time in the corner of the end zone for a touchdown to bring the Rams within 22-20 with 6:47 left in the game. The two point conversion pass, however, fell short, and the Rams still trailed by two when Northeast took over.

Shawsheen would never



Shawsheen Tech senior running back Diondre Turner carries the ball upfield while Lowell Catholic's Luke McFadden looks to move in for the contact during an earlier season game. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

see the ball again, as Northeast kept the ball on the ground, converting a pair of third downs to grind out the clock and drop the Rams record on the season to 1-1. Northeast, meanwhile, improved to 2-0.

"At times we moved the ball very effectively and at times we played excellent defense," Costabile said. "There is so much we can build on with this. We just came up short on a couple of turnovers, but it showed that we were getting after the ball. We knocked things loose and we were just a little bit away,"

Shawsheen had gotten off to a great start in this one, going on a five play, 57-yard drive on the opening possession of the game, capped off by a 25-yard scoring strike from Disciscio to Turner with 8:50 left in the first quarter. Disciscio rolled to his right and found an open Turner at about the three-yard line, and the senior back did the rest from there, diving past defenders into the end zone.

Northeast responded however, going in a 16-play, 84-yard drive, which included only one pass, and was capped off by a three-yard keeper by Hughes with 9:59 left in the second quarter. The conversion rush failed and the Rams maintained a slim 7-6 lead.

Northeast took the lead shortly thereafter, taking advantage of a Shawsheen miscue and recovering an onside kick at the 49-yard

## Shawsheen Tech Box Score and Stats

### NORTHEAST 22, SHAWSHEEN TECH 20

Shawsheen	(1-1)	7	07	0	6	-20
Northeast	(2-0)	0	14	0	8	-22
S:	Diondre Turner 25 pass from Chris Disciscio (Randy Leavitt kick)					
N:	Jared Hughes 3 run (rush failed)					
N:	Izzy Lainez 3 run (Hughes rush)					
S:	Tim Annino 7 pass from Chris Disciscio (Randy Leavitt kick)					
N:	Jared Hughes 1 run (Lainez rush)					
S:	Pete Caniff 2 pass from Chris Disciscio (pass failed)					

Team Stats		ST	NE
First Downs:		8	15
Rushes/Yards:		14-69	43-146
Pass-Att-Int:		8-12-2	3-6-1
Passing Yards:		125	22
Total Yards:		194	168
Fumbles-lost:		1-1	3-0
Penalties-yards:		6-65	0-0

**Individual Stats**  
Passing: ST, Chris Disciscio 8-for-12, 125 yards, 3 TD's, 2 INT's; NE, Jared Hughes 3-for-6, 22 yards 0 TD, 1 INT.  
Rushing: ST, Diondre Turner 11-55; Chris Disciscio 3-14; NE, Izzy Lainez 22-78, 1 TD; CJ Moriconi 9-42; Trevor Tango 9-16; Jared Hughes 3-10, 2 TD's.  
Receiving: ST, Diondre Turner 2-51, 1 TD; Pete Caniff 2-37, 1 TD; Tim Annino 2-21, 1 TD; Nick Benson, 2-16; NE, CJ Moriconi 1-15, Trevor Tango 2-7.

SEASON STATS		Shawsheen	Opponents
		7	0
		16	14
		2	0
		06	14
		-31	-28

Team Stats		ST	Opp
First Downs:		22	23
Rushes/Yards:		39-210	58-201
Pass-Att-Int:		14-23-2	12-23-1
Passing Yards:		192	120
Total Yards:		402	321
Fumbles-lost:		1-1	3-0
Penalties-yards:		12-105	6-50

**Individual Stats**  
Passing: ST, Chris Disciscio 14-for-23, 192 yards, 3 TD's, 2 INT's.  
Rushing: ST, Diondre Turner 24-145; Dylan Timmons 8-37; Chris Disciscio 7-28, 1 TD.  
Receiving: ST, Tim Annino 4-64, 1 TD; Diondre Turner 4-61, 1 TD, Pete Caniff 2-37, 1 TD, Nick Benson 2-16, Devin DeLuca 1-14.  
Scoring: Chris Disciscio 1 TD, 6 points Diondre Turner 1 TD, 6 points, Tim Annino 1 TD, 6 points, Pete Caniff, 1 TD, 6 points Randy Leavitt 3 PAT's, 3 points, 2 Team Safeties, 4 points.

line. From there, they slowly and methodically worked their way down the field, going on a ten-play drive, with Izzy Lainez scoring from three yards out and Hughes running in the two point conversion to make the score 14-7 with 5:21 left in the half.

Shawsheen, however, put together a clutch scoring drive of their own before the end of the half, going on a 12-play, 74-yard drive led primarily by Turner, who had 20 yards rushing as well as a big 26-yard catch on the drive.

Disciscio then connected with senior tight end Tim Annino for a seven-yard touchdown pass with 13 seconds left in the half, and when senior kicker Randy Leavitt kicked his second extra point of the game, the teams would go to the half tied at 14-14.

Despite the tough loss, Costabile found plenty of positives to take out of the game, and he is looking forward to seeing how his team responds this Saturday when they host arch rival Greater Lowell for a 1:30 pm kickoff.

"We had a big time

improvement this week," Costabile said. "We improved so much. You improve so much from your first game to your second game in football. I think there is more improvement from your first game to your second than any other two games throughout the season. "And the great thing about football is that after a loss like this, you've got another game next week. You win that game, and you are feeling better about yourself again."

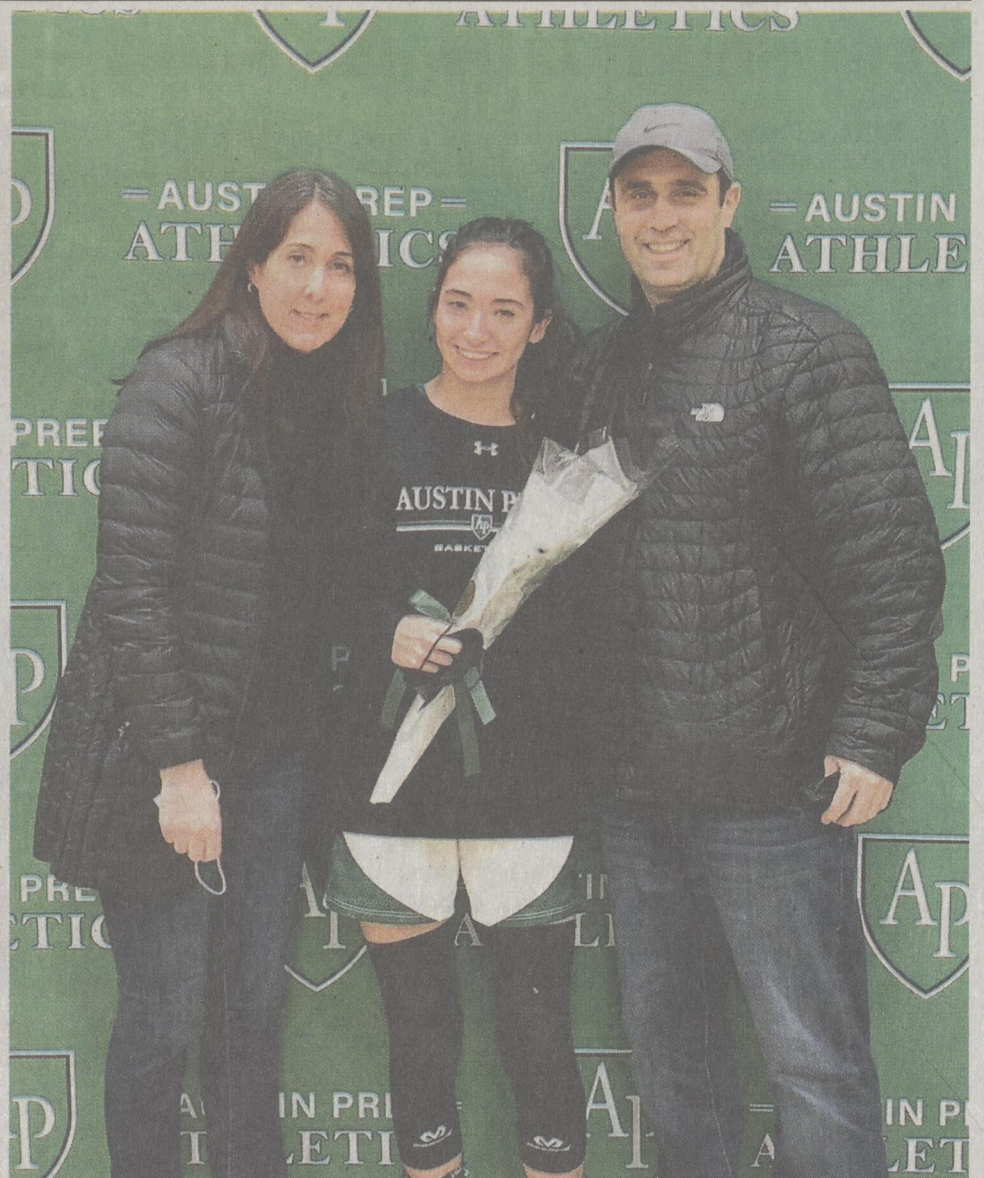
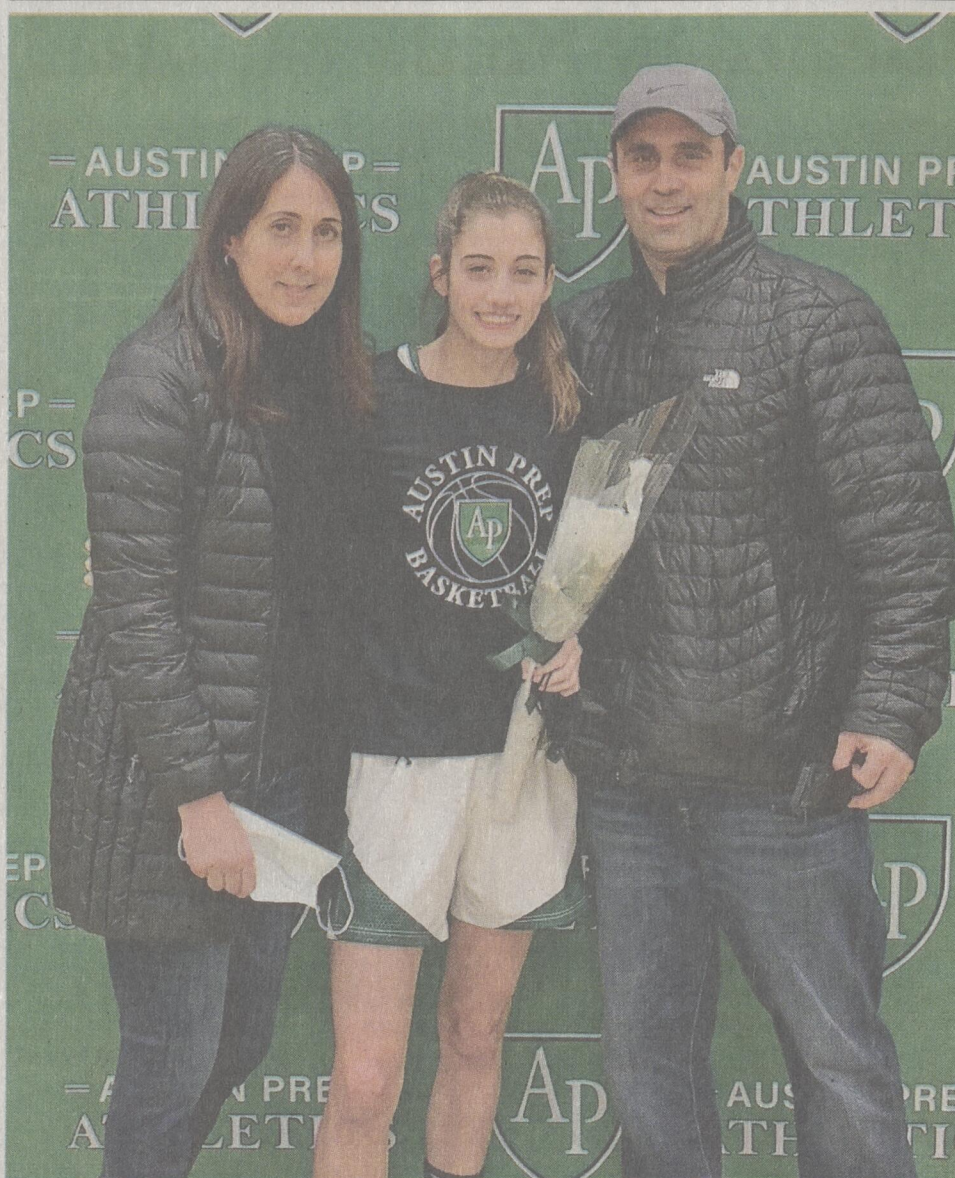


Ryan Dusablon on the sidelines during the National Anthem before Shawsheen's first game of the season, held earlier this month. (photo by Bob DeChiara).



Nick Schena (15) among the members of the Shawsheen Football team who came out ready to play during the team's season opener against Lowell Catholic held nearly two weeks ago. (photo by Bob DeChiara).





### AUSTIN PREP WINTER ATHLETES

Top left, Grace Ardito, a member of the Girls Basketball team, is supported by her parents Dan and Gayle during Senior Night; Above, Dan and Gayle return for twin-sister Molly; Bottom left, Allie (a senior) and Jessica Martinson are joined by parents Kelly and Leigh during the Girls Hockey team's senior night.

(courtesy photos/Austin Prep).



### Merrimack College honors 14 Field Hockey athletes

The Merrimack College field hockey team had 14 players named to the NFHCA Division I National Academic Squad, as announced by the association.

The distinction is given to student-athletes who achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.3 or higher through the first semester of the 2020-21 academic year. Merrimack greatly improved its number of honorees from the 2019 list.

Among the list of Warriors recognized, four were selected in 2019 as well in Vanessa Kaddaras, Meaghan O'Brien, Julianne Ohmen and Bridget Shanahan. Merrimack also had six freshmen chosen in Katelyn Bennett, Brooke Bolduc, Cate Buecker, Lauren Burke, Emma Donahue and Katie Sawyer. Jane Bonazzoli, Isabelle Duseau, Colleen Ellis and Riley Lambert were also given the distinction.



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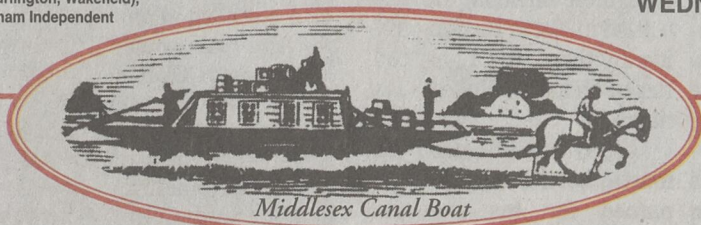
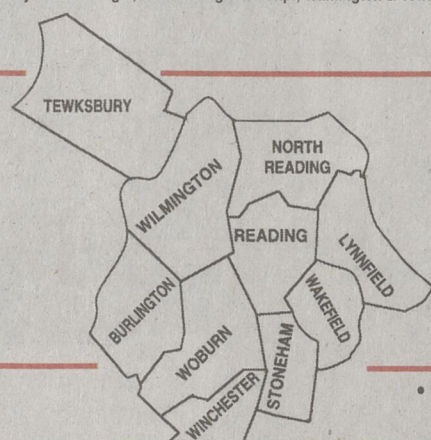
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## Asa Sheldon: A Wilmington Farmer's tale

By LARZ F. NEILSON

Asa Sheldon probably did not know much of his father's role in the American Revolution. Born five years after the end of the war, he knew little of his father, who died when Asa was 15.

Jeremiah Sheldon's name is in the Danvers list of soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War. He was a month shy of his 18th birthday in April 1775. A posting on Ancestry.com in the Towne family has him serving in Capt. Enoch Putnam's company from April 1775 to January 1776. Putnam was captain of the Danvers Minutemen. He was stationed in Cambridge or near Boston.

In the summer and autumn of 1777, he was in Capt. Samuel Flint's militia company, involved with action in Vermont and New York, and the capture of Redcoat General Burgoyne at Saratoga. Then he guarded Burgoyne's Redcoat troops at Cambridge.

There may or may not have been stories of bold military action that Jeremiah could have told his sons. There also could have been stories of traveling with the likes of John Hancock, Samuel Adams and Dr. Samuel Holten.

In his autobiography, Wilmington Farmer, Asa Sheldon (1788-1870) mentioned that his father had been a clerk for Judge Houghton

in Congress. He also wrote that his father was quite good-natured, but gave no indication that he knew any background.

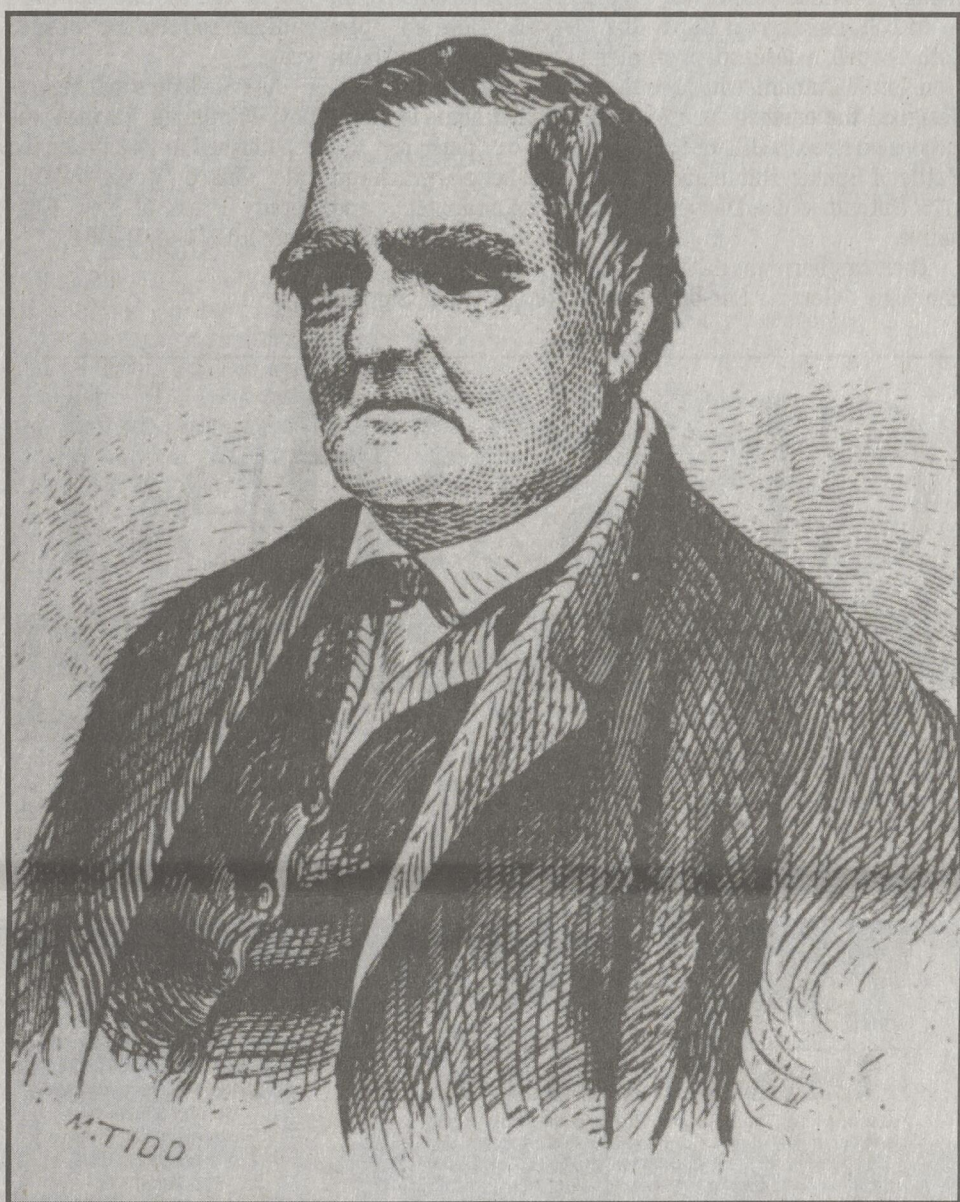
Except there was no Judge Houghton. Asa probably did not know much about the judge or what his father did. Jeremiah Sheldon served for seven years, 1778-1785, as an aide to Dr. Samuel Holten, a member of the Second Continental Congress. Jeremiah was 21 and a military veteran when he was hired by Dr. Holten.

In a biography of Holten, Harriet S. Tapley tells of the doctor setting off in 1778 for a month-long journey to York, Pennsylvania in the company of John Hancock. Tapley wrote, imagining the scene at Dr. Sheldon's send-off from his home in Danvers: "Here too was Jeremiah Sheldon, Dr. Holten's personal servant, who accompanied him on his journey."

Their mission was to assist in the framing of the Articles of Confederation of the United States. The Declaration of Independence, of course, had been signed two years earlier. The Articles were voted in November 1777, but it was not until 1781 that the last ratification occurred. They then served as the operating agreement among the states until the adoption of the Constitution in 1789.

"John Hancock was Dr. Holten's traveling

Sheldon TO B-2



PORTAIT OF ASA SHELDON - As a young lad, Asa Sheldon made his home in Wilmington. In 1815, he married Clarissa Eames, daughter of Ens. Nathan Eames and Susanna Harnden. The couple lived first in the Cadwallader Ford house and eventually bought a house on Woburn Street.

## Movie Reviews & Box Office News

In 'Happily,' 10 millennials walk into an Airbnb....

By JOCELYN NOVECK  
AP National Writer

"How did we find this place, anyway?"  
Wait, where have we heard that before?

Actually, it's a familiar line in a new genre of thriller that's emerged the last few years: Airbnb horror films. There are a few constants: Attractive millennials, lots of good booze, a gorgeous weekend rental. And then something scary happens, and finally someone says: "Wait, how did we find this place?" Suddenly everyone realizes that the house actually chose THEM. By then, it's too late to escape.

By the time "Happily," an ambitious, sometimes compelling but wildly uneven debut feature by BenDavid Grabinski, gets to this point, it's already lost us a bit, and started feeling like yet another slick hipster horror film — you know, for those who like their millennials attractive and their chef-quality kitchen appliances even more so. That's too bad, because the setup — the first act, as it were — is delicious.

"Happily" begins with this question: Does the "law of diminishing returns" apply in a biological sense to marriages, or can a couple remain as infatuated with each other as the day they met, year after year? The test case is Tom (Joel McHale) and Janet (Kerry Bishe), an absurdly attractive couple still in the honeymoon phase of their marriage. These two can't go to a party without having a steamy tryst in the bathroom.

Their friends are annoyed — and not just because the bathroom is tied up.

They're annoyed because this honeymoon phase has lasted 14 years and shows no sign of abating.

"They're going home for Round 2," quips their jaded friend Karen at one such party, voice dripping with jealousy. She and husband Val do not have the same problem. Another "problem" Janet and Tom have is that they always forgive each other for any transgression. Genuine forgiveness, not the tired cease-fire some couples fall into.

A few nights later at dinner, Karen and Val drop Janet and Tom from an upcoming weekend vacation and return their deposit. "Everyone hates you," Karen explains. "You never even fight!" The couple protests, but they're proving Karen's point by engaging in hanky-panky under the table.

Shaken, they go home and tell each other: "We are not the weird ones. They are." Soon though, they have worse problems. A creepy older man (Stephen Root) shows up at their house with a briefcase, explaining that he works for "the city" and they have a major malfunction — a rare dual malfunction — in that the law of diminishing returns inexplicably doesn't apply to them. It all needs to be corrected with an injection. Once injected, they "will finally be totally normal." And they don't have a choice.

Not to reveal too much, but violence ensues. Now it's a tale of a dead body. And a weekend getaway with eight friends — because they're suddenly invited again. And this time, they have a terrible secret.

The second act turns into something more muddled and less interesting. It

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## Sheldon

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companion on this first trip," Tapley wrote. "Jerry Sheldon rode on horseback, and as the doctor's 'waiter' received 20 pounds per month in Massachusetts currency."

There were many such trips for Sheldon, between Danvers and Philadelphia.

Dr. Holten was a physician, first in Gloucester, then for several years in Danvers. In 1768, he was elected to the state legislature, where he became a strong advocate of the colonies separating from Great Britain. Ten years later, he became a delegate to the Continental Congress.

Sheldon wrote to Holten on June 28, 1780, thanking him for everything he had done for him. He expressed regret that he did not become a master of his field of learning, but that with Holten's assistance, he would distinguish himself. He wrote that he was distressed at leaving Holten when he was unwell. He described his troubled 21-day wagon trip to Danvers. His service with Dr. Holten, though, continued until 1785.

In 1781, he married Elizabeth Goodell, a descendant of Gen. Israel Putnam, who had designed the earthen fortifications on Breed's Hill for the Battle of Bunker Hill in June 1775. Putnam was a Danvers native.

Their firstborn was named Elbridge Gerry Sheldon,

named for another member of the Massachusetts delegation to the Continental Congress, who later became the fifth vice president of the United States. The term 'gerymandering' came from his name after he, as governor, signed a redistricting bill. A newspaper cartoon showed the district in Essex County looking like a salamander.

A story in the Boston Globe from 1885 tells of a reporter's visit in North Reading with a woman who would soon be 102. Mrs. Lucinda Shelden Howard was born in Danvers in the year the Revolutionary War closed, 1783. She was Jeremiah and Elizabeth's second child, five years older than her brother Asa Sheldon.

Mrs. Howard is quoted in the article, saying, "My father went to Congress as clerk for Judge Holten."

The story goes through several memorable events in her lifetime, like the death of George Washington, the invention of the steamboat, and seeing the first locomotive on the Lowell railroad. She didn't specify if that had been the Salem and Lowell Railroad, near her home in North Reading, or perhaps the Boston and Lowell, which ran through Wilmington and started earlier than the S&L.

Their third child was named for the doctor, Samuel

Houghton Sheldon. He also settled in North Reading. Evidently there was a long confusion about Dr. Holten's last name.

Asa Goodell Sheldon was fourth, born in 1788. He was named for his maternal grandfather.

There were three more daughters, Harriet, 1791, Betsy, 1795 and Sophia, 1801. A fourth son, Jeremiah, Jr. was born in 1798.

On April 14, 1797, Jeremiah lent Asa to a neighboring farm as an indentured worker, the first of many such arrangements.

Ten years later, Asa came to Wilmington, to the Pearson Tavern. In 1815, he married Clarissa Eames, daughter of Ens. Nathan Eames and Sanna Harnden. The couple lived first in the Cadwallader Ford house and eventually bought a house on Woburn Street.

Jeremiah Sheldon died in 1803. His widow outlived him by 50 years. Elizabeth Goodell Sheldon died in Wilmington in 1853 at age 94. She had lived with her son Asa for some 25 years.

Asa Sheldon's autobiography, Wilmington Farmer, was republished in 1988 under the title Yankee Drover by University Press of New England. ISBN 0-87451-439-8.



NOT SO HAPPILY EVER AFTER - This image released by Saban Films shows Stephen Root in a scene from the film "Happily." (Saban Films via AP)

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doesn't help that none of these friends are even remotely appealing or compelling. Not nervous Patricia

(Natalie Morales), who made the house booking, and her odd husband Donald (Jon Daly), not jealous Karen (Natalie Zea) who wants to sleep with Tom to prove he's getting tired of his wife, and her always-annoyed husband Val (Paul Scheer), not nasty, puzzle-obsessed

Richard (Breckin Meyer) and his poor mistreated girlfriend Gretel (Charlyne Yi). Only Carla (Shannon

Woodward) and her partner Maude (Kirby Howell-Baptiste) seem the least bit worth spending a weekend with.

Why are they all even there? Well, there's a frightening reason they ended up in this particular house, which emerges in due course. But what we're really asking is, why are these people even together? Nobody seems to enjoy each other or have any fun at all. OK, there's the tense atmosphere caused by the unexpected murder and all, but there's no sense these people EVER enjoyed each other.

Without spoiling any secrets, the film progresses in horror-film mode before, in its third act, tying things up in a somewhat clever, unexpected way. By then, though, you may have given up on this group.

Call it the law of diminishing returns.

"Happily," a Saban Films release, has been rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America "for sexual content, language throughout and brief violence." Running time: 96 minutes. Two stars out of four.

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**MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA:** With this year's March Madness NCAA basketball tournament in full swing, locally, UMass made the Four Four in 1996 before losing to Kentucky. There were three future Celtics' players on that Kentucky team. See how many you can name.

Answer appears below:

**Local Public Golf Courses are beginning to open**

Public golf courses in the area are beginning to open this week. Always make sure you call first at this time of the year just to make sure and to book a tee time.

Phone numbers for some of the more popular area public courses are:

Woburn Country Club (781-933-9880); Hillview Golf Course (978-664-4435); Sagamore Spring (781-334-3151).

Also, Trull Brook Golf Course (978-851-6731), Unicorn Golf Course (781-438-9732), Tewksbury Country Club (978-640-0033).

**Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference announce plans for spring sports**

A year and day after intercollegiate athletic competition shut down, the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference announced its return-to-play plan for spring sports last Friday morning.

The eight MASCAC presidents announced an approved plan to have competition for the spring sports of baseball, men's golf, women's lacrosse, softball, and men's and women's outdoor track & field. The presidents also approved the continuation of practice for fall and winter MASCAC teams subject to health and safety, testing, and tracing protocols in place to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

"The MASCAC continues to meet regularly with the presidents, athletic directors, athletic trainers, and other essential staff as we bring our student-athletes back to the playing field safely, while adhering to all state, federal, and NCAA guidelines," said MASCAC Commissioner Angela Baumann. "It is our intention to have these athletic events as long as the condi-

## Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri

tions allow us to move forward safely. The MASCAC office and eight MASCAC Presidents will be monitoring practices and competition to ensure the continued health and safety of our student-athletes and staff."

It remains the decision of each member institution to determine if they can safely participate in intercollegiate athletics this spring and in which sports they will permit competition. These decisions will be made in consultation with campus health professionals and the MASCAC Commissioner.

The presidents approved a conference schedule where the institutions will play the same school each week in baseball, softball, and women's lacrosse. In addition, the membership has approved a men's golf and men's and women's outdoor track & field championships. Additionally, the presidents authorized institutions to schedule non-conference contests, provided all non-conference opponents follow prescribed MASCAC health and safety guidance and protocols. Institutions will not be permitted to travel to compete against teams out of state.

As the MASCAC teams continue to participate in athletic activities, it is the continued responsibility of all student-athletes and staff to stay diligent in their safety efforts on and off the field of play. Individual member institutions reserve the right to halt competition if the health of the campus community is put at risk. In the event of an increase of COVID-related cases on any of the conference campuses, the schedules may be adjusted, which might include a stoppage of play.

**Reading's Langone and North Reading's Carpenter among Top 25 BC athletes ever**

More than 400 athletes have been inducted into the Boston College Varsity Club's

Hall of Fame. Of all the many thousands of athletes who have donned the maroon and gold for BC, who are the very best? Boston College Magazine assembled a panel of experts and tasked them with identifying the 25 greatest BC athletes of all time. After many, many hours of analyzing statistics, debating intangibles, and reviewing eras, the panel settled on their group of exceptional Eagles.

Chosen among the very best along with Doug Flutie, Brian Gionta, Troy Bell, Dana Barros, and the like, was Reading's STEVE LANGONE (Class of 2000) and North Reading's ALEX CARPENTER (2016).

Whether on the pitching mound or in the batter's box, Langone was a force. As a pitcher, he won 24 games in his BC career, the most in school history, and led college baseball with a 1.54 ERA in his senior season. As a designated hitter and occasional first baseman, meanwhile, the All-American posted a .356 average for the Eagles, 5th all-time, and hit 30 career home runs, 3rd in BC history. Langone was the only BC baseball player to make the list.

Langone is also a member of the Reading High Athletic Hall of Fame. He led the 1996 RMHS baseball team to the Division 2 state title.

Though Carpenter is best known for her incredible talent with the puck, graduating with the most goals and assists in BC history, she was an all-around player who took as much pride in playing defense and killing penalties. The forward won the Patty Kazmaier Award, given to college hockey's top female player, became the 5th-leading scorer in NCAA history, and helped lead the USA to a silver medal at the 2014 Olympic Games.

Also of note, Burlington's SEAN MCGOWAN, BC Class of 1999, was among the short list of honorable mentions. An All-American, McGowan set BC's career and single-

season records for home runs and RBIs, and posted the highest single-season batting average in school history, .402.

The panel was made up of Donna Bennett, John Kane, Derrick Knight '03, Barry Gallup '69, and Reid Oslin '68.

**National Women's Hockey League will host playoffs at Warrior Ice Arena**

The completion of the National Women's Hockey League (NWHL) Isobel Cup Playoffs, presented by Discover, will take place March 26-27 at Warrior Ice Arena in Brighton, Massachusetts with four teams competing for the championship live on NBCSN. These telecasts will mark the first women's professional hockey league championship games to air on a major national network in the U.S. The announcement was made today by NWHL Commissioner Tyler Tumminia.

The Isobel Cup Playoffs, previously scheduled in February, return with enhanced health and safety protocols and enforcement, after a short hiatus due to COVID-19 cases.

"International Women's Day is the perfect time to promote our athletes who will have the platform to make 'HERstory' by finishing what they started in a safe environment," said Tumminia. "It means a great deal to our athletes to have the opportunity to compete to lift the Isobel Cup and to be supported by partners who are committed to growing the women's game. We extend our appreciation to the Boston Bruins, NBCSN, Twitch, and our sponsors - especially Discover - for making this possible. Hockey fans will be inspired by the skill and dedication of our athletes, but we're all especially excited about the message this sends to the young girls and boys who will be watching."

Earlier this season, Discover Financial Services (NYSE: DFS) and the NWHL announced a landmark partnership making Discover the Official Credit Card of the NWHL. It is a significant step for the league which designates 50 percent of league wide sponsorship

## HomeNewsHere RECIPE

### HADDOCK WITH LEMON PEPPER VEGETABLES



**GO FISH** - Impressive enough for company, this simple-to-fix fish recipe is low in fat and calories. Who could ask for more?

#### STEPS

1. Cut fish into 4 serving pieces; set aside.
2. Reserve 2 tablespoons of the broth. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, stir together remaining broth, the onion, lemon-pepper seasoning and dill weed. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cover; simmer about 3 minutes or until onion is tender.
3. Stir in vegetables. Arrange fish in vegetable mixture. Heat to boiling; reduce heat to medium. Cover; cook about 4 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.
4. Carefully remove fish from skillet, using wide slotted spatula. In small bowl, stir together reserved 2 tablespoons broth and the cornstarch; stir into vegetable mixture. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Serve fish and vegetables over fettuccine.

#### Ingredients

- 1 lb. haddock, tilapia or other medium-firm filets, 1/2 inch thick
- 1-3/4 cups Progresso™ chicken broth (from 32-oz carton)
- 1 small red onion, cut lengthwise in half, then cut crosswise into thin slices
- 2 teaspoons lemon-pepper seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1 bag (1 lb.) frozen baby peas, carrots, snow peas and baby cob corn (or other combo), thawed
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- Hot cooked fettuccine, if desired

revenue to help increase player salaries.

Celtics coach.

Answer to this week's question: On the 1996 Kentucky team, future Celtics Antoine Walker, Walter McCarty and Tony Delk played for Rick Pitino, later a

**• DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to sports@dailytimesinc.com.

## • Real Estate Transfers •

### BURLINGTON

245 Cambridge St #205 was sold to Lane, Megan A by Frazier RT and Frazier, Scott W for \$586,000 on 03/05/21

12 Fred St was sold to Wei, Qiong and Liang, Wentao by Williams Gordon E Est and Williams, James for \$594,900 on 03/02/21

7 Hickory Ln was sold to Lash, Marianna L and Johnson, Mitchell L by Lash, Robert E and Lash, Janet M for \$490,000 on 03/02/21

10 Hillcrest Rd was sold to Zhou, Tianjun and Gao, Yan by Sanco Builders LLC for \$1,390,000 on 03/01/21

20 Richardson Rd #20 was sold to Lin, Harry Y and Yeh, Amy by Poh, Ian and He, Qing for \$660,000 on 03/05/21

### NORTH READING

3 Anthony Rd was sold to Caruso, Michael and Caruso, Trisha by Paone, George for \$550,000 on 03/01/21

55 Central St was sold to Moffat, Parker W and Moffat, Carolyn Y by R&K RT and Tiberii, Kathleen for \$625,000 on 03/05/21

12 Charles St was sold to Prasad, Sunil and Prasad, Katherine by Bruno, Michael for \$450,000 on 03/05/21

14 Charles St was sold to Sandra Hafiz Inc by Bruno, Michael for \$450,000 on 03/05/21

16 Charles St was sold to Cassano, Michele V and Cassano, Emilio by Bruno, Michael for \$450,000 on 03/05/21

### READING

39 Howard St was sold to Anderson, Erik M and Anderson, Karen H by Wgwdw RT and Webber, Wayne G for \$860,000 on 03/01/21

1503 Main St was sold to Alpha-Cobb, Garrett and Alpha-Cobb, Cambria by Armor Development LLC for \$1,045,000 on 03/05/21

8 Sanborn St #5001 was sold to Vorwald, Frank and Vorwald, Ann by 136 Haven Street LLC for \$679,900 on 03/02/21

10 Springvale Rd was sold to Shaefer-Ford, Stephanie and Ford, Daniel F by Gomes, Dinis M and Gomes, Ana M for \$600,000 on 03/05/21

### STONEHAM

133 Franklin St #405 was sold to Carreon, Zachary A by Mcdonagh, Dilila E

for \$360,000 on 03/05/21

153 Orris St was sold to Haughey, Kevin C and Haughey, Caitlin M by Hubbard, John P and Hubbard, Celine T for \$800,000 on 03/01/21

1 Pine St was sold to Enck, Jarrett and Enck, Jennafir by Calarese, Mary F for \$522,000 on 03/01/21

52 Pond St was sold to Miranda, Carmen by Jeyaraj, Vimala for \$509,000 on 03/01/21

6 Tamarock Ter was sold to Diliberto, Michael T and Diliberto, Yuzhou T by Klovee, David R and Klovee, Rosanne P for \$785,022 on 03/03/21

### TEWKSBURY

1105 Emerald Ct #1105 was sold to Pimental, Kathleen J and Pimental, Peter J by Crowe, John J and Crowe, Joanne M for \$415,000 on 03/05/21

1201 Emerald Ct #1201 was sold to Mcelroy IRT and Kelleher, Donna by Bailey Jeanette M Est and Bailey, Michael for \$445,000 on 03/03/21

16 Hinckley Rd was sold to Bonnett, Paul R by McMahon, Andrew J for \$389,900 on 03/04/21

158 Pike St was sold to Newman, Alexander M and Brodeur, Julie K by Hand, Jerry D for \$541,000 on 03/05/21

6 Stonebury Way #6 was sold to Elrick, Kevin and Elrick, Kathryn by Dasilva, Nilda for \$470,000 on 03/05/21

1409 Whipple Rd was sold to Lewis, Christine and Johnson, Arthur by Ryder IRT and Goody, Pamela J for \$350,000 on 03/04/21

### WAKEFIELD

26 Curve St was sold to Li, Allen by Pnevmatikos, Archilles and Pnevmatikos, Miriam J for \$735,000 on 03/04/21

3 Garden Ln #3 was sold to Cincotta, Andrea by Finn, Matthew and Eberth, Sydney for \$600,000 on 03/02/21

4 Lee St was sold to Kenny, Michael I and Donovan, Jennifer J by Krasker-Schultz, Lynne for \$590,000 on 03/05/21

7 Linda Rd was sold to Machinist, William M and Machinist, Sharon M by Callahan, Thomas F and Hudd, Brenda for \$585,000 on 03/01/21

118 Oak St was sold to Hubacheck, Jessica and Hubacheck, William P by Leblanc, Antoinette M and Woodard, Eleanor L for \$591,000 on 03/03/21

10 Summer St was sold to Allan, Peter by

Freni, Michelle for \$650,000 on 03/05/21

### WILMINGTON

28 Burlington Ave #3 was sold to Pan, Jocelyn and Pan, Chia-Te by Brenlley Properties LLC for \$375,000 on 03/05/21

77 Eames St was sold to Natale Brothers Rlty LLC by 77-79 Eames Street LLC for \$1,200,000 on 03/01/21

20 Hopkins St was sold to Chisholm, Kenneth A and Chisholm, Jill A by Colachico, Robert E for \$40,000 on 03/05/21

46 Jonspin Rd was sold to LML Wilmington LLC by NBP 2 Wilmington LLC for \$40,980,233 on 03/02/21

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25 King St was sold to Grant, Colleen E by Volovick, Sarah and Volovick, Alex for \$710,000 on 03/01/21

10 Pinewood Rd was sold to Hagen, Caitlin by Hecht, Kristine and Hecht, Adam for \$589,000 on 03/05/21

195 Salem St #1201 was sold to Osgood, Charles B and Osgood, Mary H by John M Zahlaway T and Zahlaway, John M for \$485,000 on 03/02/21

5 Shady Lane Dr was sold to Fortuna, Brian D by Shady Lane Drive RT and Wolfe, Melissa J for \$500,000 on 03/03/21

### WINCHESTER

50 Lake St #E was sold to Long, Mingsi by Hegarty, Lesley J and Hegarty, Matthew G for \$536,000 on 03/03/21

35 Squire Rd was sold to Meany, Sean and Meany, Melissa by Leyne & Shannon Inc for \$1,745,000 on 03/02/21

### WOBURN

201 Bedford Rd #32 was sold to Areve B Alexander RET and Alexander, Areve B by Luongo, Susan M for \$413,000 on 03/02/21

3 Cedarwood Rd was sold to Holmes, Erica and Arnold, Andrew by Pimental, Kathleen J and Pimental, Peter for \$650,000 on 03/05/21

20 Dale St was sold to Witkin, Alex J by Evans, James G and Evans, Denise M for \$705,000 on 03/04/21

15 E Nichols St was sold to Busy Bend Corp by Peary Barbara J Est and Peary,

Kayla G for \$419,900 on 03/04/21

12-14 Elm St #B was sold to Gupta, Reena by Koshevoy, Oleg for \$650,000 on 03/05/21

32 Everett St #4 was sold to Rodriguez, Luis A and Maldonado-Martinez, Y by Rodriguez, Neftaly for \$205,500 on 03/01/21

6 Foster Ave was sold to Walsh 2017 T and Walsh, Timothy P by Busy Bend Corp for \$599,900 on 03/03/21

2 Helen Dr was sold to Henry, Mark A and Henry, Lisa M by Monaghan, Ryan and Monaghan, Shannon for \$915,000 on 03/02/21

14 Hiawatha Rd was sold to Ye, Qing and Yao, Kewen by Carol A Minchello LT and Minchello, Robert V for \$990,000 on 03/01/21

2 Inwood Dr #2015 was sold to Sheehan, Frances A and Sheehan, Kevin J by 3T Realty Corp for \$559,000 on 03/03/21

2 Rose Farm Ln was sold to Sorrentino, Michael A and Sorrentino, Amanda L by Prattville T 2020 and Ahern, John F for \$850,000 on 03/02/21

242 Salem St was sold to True World Foods Boston by B&C RT and Rotondo, Charles J for \$3,500,000 on 03/02/21

35 Scott St was sold to Ladouceur, Christopher S and Ladouceur, Samantha M by Win-win Properties LLC for \$639,995 on 03/05/21

29 Winn St was sold to Woma RE Winn St LLC by Lannan Family LLC for \$7,000,000 on 03/03/21

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### LYNNFIELD

10 Sylvan Cir was sold to Mazza, Benjamin M and Mazza, Lindsey D by Sylvan RT and Costello, Vincent X for \$750,000 on 02/24/21

200 Broadway #201 was sold to New KRT LLC by Soderberg RT and Soderberg, Douglas G for \$260,000 on 03/03/21

6 Sagamore Pl was sold to Claudine M Prokopis T and Prokopis, Claudine M by Hannah View Estates LLC for \$725,000 on 03/04/21

16 Saunders Rd was sold to Murtagh, Dennis P and Muetagh, Melissa A by Simpson, Christopher J and Simpson, Mary A for \$765,000 on 03/01/21





## Tewksbury Police Log

### One arrested at a local hotel for drug possession

Monday, March 15

1:01 a.m. - Male party was seen driving erratically at Livingston Street and Pinnacle Street. The operator appeared to be operating under the influence. Police searched the area, but didn't find anything.

6:53 p.m. - Loss Prevention requested assistance with shoplifters at Walmart. Police sent. Thomas Murphy, 36, of 19 Winter St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with possession class B drugs cocaine and shoplifting by asportation.

7:19 p.m. - Male caller requested assistance with a former employee who was at East Street making threats to the caller. Police sent to meet the caller at the ball fields prior to arriving at the business. They spoke with both parties; no threats were made. Officer filed a report.

Tuesday, March 16

9:25 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Shaw-

sheen Street and Charlotte Road for erratic driving. Police reported now they were in pursuit with that vehicle's failure to stop. Party has stopped at Charlotte Road and this appeared to be a medical start EMS. Ambulance sent and party was sent to Saints Hospital. Police filed a report.

4:25 p.m. - The front desk clerk requested assistance with a male party causing a disturbance in the lobby at Motel 6. Police sent and they assisted.

5:14 p.m. - A 911 caller reported his 30-year old son was yelling and screaming at Cinnamon Circle. The caller requested an officer respond to explain the rules of the house. Police filed a report.

7:09 p.m. - Trees on the caller's property were cut down and removed from his property and he was looking to file a report at Main Street. Police sent and filed a report.

Wednesday, March 17

11:17 a.m. - Male caller reported possibly suspicious activity in a motor vehicle at Vic's Waffle House. They checked the area, but gone on arrival. The caller stated they drove off after he called taking a right out of the parking lot. Units notified.

1:37 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male at Circle K. Police sent. Kyle Grik-scheit, 24, of 116 Mystic St. in Manchester, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with a straight warrant.

7:08 p.m. - Call from the desk of Motel 6 regarding an unwanted person. Police sent. The party was served a no trespass and had since left the location. Police filed a report.

7:16 p.m. - Police out at Fairfield Inn for suspicious activity. Darwin Rodriguez, 21, of 124 Beacon Ave. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with possession to distribute class B drugs.

Thursday, March 18

3:40 a.m. - A 911 caller reported he was in a motor vehicle accident and the other vehicle left the scene towards Lowell on Whipple Road. Police sent. Karen Hought, 50, of 28 George Brown St. in Billerica, was arrested and charged with intimidate/mislead police officer/witness, leaving the scene of property damage, operating motor vehicle with license revoked as HTO, negligent operation of motor vehicle, no inspection sticker, marked lanes violation, and a warrant for shoplifting.

Friday, March 19

12:54 a.m. - Police reported the door was wide open and no employees appeared to be on site at Senna Motors. Police sent to assist. Unable to secure the door. ADT was contacted and they would make calls to key holders.

4:16 a.m. - A truck had been running for half an hour and sounds as if it was smashing into something at Quail Run. Police sent. Units spoke with the

tow truck driver; a vehicle was being dropped off at Quail Run.

7:56 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a shoplifter leaving in a haul at Home Depot towards north on 495. Police sent. Thomas Murphy, 36, of 19 Winter St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with larceny under \$1,200.

Saturday, March 20

3:01 a.m. - Caller reported hearing what sounded like someone attempting to make entry to her bulkhead door at around 2 a.m. on Leroy's Lane. The neighbor's motion sensor lights were going on and off. Police sent. Units spoke with the caller and the police would conduct area searches throughout the night.

4:32 a.m. - A vehicle was parked illegally and blocking other vehicles at Archstone Avenue. Police sent. The vehicle has been moved.

10:05 a.m. - Suspicious male party sat in the rocks in front of the caller's house at Geddes Drive. They wore a black and white jacket, dark pants, and white baseball hat. Police sent. The party was soliciting for

National Grid and had been informed of the process to apply for a solicitor's permit.

5:07 p.m. - Front desk reported an unwanted party at Fairfield Inn arguing with the staff. Police sent. Daniel Boutell, 63, of 233 Appleton St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for second offense OUI liquor. Tiffany Carney, 27, of 18 Upham St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with two warrants for possession class A drugs.

6:17 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male party argued with staff at Wamesit Lane. Police sent. The party was waiting for his uber and police filed a report.

Sunday, March 21

10:24 a.m. - Front desk at Holiday Inn reported a fight in the parking lot. Police sent. Chelsea Tremblay, 25, of 90 Appleton St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on family/household member.

12:58 p.m. - Caller reported someone trespassing on her property at Wings Auto. Police sent and the party checked out.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Letters stolen from Burger King sign on Lowell Street

Friday, March 12:

7:35 a.m.: A rabbit was reported as stuck in a hockey net on Pilling Road, eventually getting out with the assistance of officers.

4:45 p.m.: An employee at Triton Car Wash on Main Street reported a hit and run in their parking lot involving a green 1994 Ford Mustang and a white 2014 Ford F-150. A bystander took a picture of the license plate of the car that left and the driver eventually returned to exchange information.

7:16 p.m.: A caller reported that a vehicle struck a deer near the Winchester Family Medical Center on Salem Street, injuring but not killing it. The animal passed away in the driveway of the facility and was eventually removed.

10:01 p.m.: Edmilson Euzebio de Souza of 21 Adams St. was issued a summons for having an unregistered vehicle and operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Saturday, March 13:

9:54 a.m.: A caller on Jewel Drive reported that a catalytic converter had been stolen overnight from both a black 2016 Ford E-350 and a white 2013 Ford E-250. The caller also reported possibly seeing two parties walking on the premises at around 10:03 p.m.

5:11 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision took place on Wisser Street involving a grey 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse and a brown 2002 GMC Sierra. Both vehicles endured minor damage and two pedestrians were also injured.

9:36 p.m.: A caller reported loud noise coming from the student parking lot, but police found that there was just a group of four to five kids throwing a football and eating food without any loud music or behavior. The group was advised to clean up their trash when they were done.

Sunday, March 14:

1:08 a.m.: A caller on Eames Street requested assistance from police, as they were intoxicated. The party was offered medical

help, but declined, instead being driven by an officer.

3:27 p.m.: A caller from Burger King on Lowell Street reported that a man stole letters off of their sign at the front of the establishment at about 2:45 p.m.

5:38 p.m.: On Andover Street, an outdoor burn complaint came from a resident who attempted to put out said fire by themselves. The Fire Department eventually came to handle the issue fully.

6:08 p.m.: A heavily damaged black 2016 Honda Civic was found with the back window down in a lot on Andover Street. Chelsea Police attempted to make contact with the vehicle's owner, but found that they no longer resided there and had no other number to call.

Monday, March 15:

7:25 a.m.: Animal Control officers removed a deceased skunk from the roadway on Salem Street.

12:37 p.m.: An off-duty offi-

cer reported that a communications wire on Williams Avenue was down. Verizon was subsequently notified.

9:53 p.m.: A caller on Middlesex Avenue reported waking up to his burglar alarm and coming downstairs to find the front door open. No one seemed to be in the area, no vehicles were outside, and no objects were out of order in the home. Officers searched the area and found nothing, ultimately concluding based on camera footage that the door was opened by the wind.

Tuesday, March 16:

9:15 a.m.: Staff at the North Intermediate School on Salem Street reported that a red Mazda was driving on the baseball field and behaving erratically, causing minor damage to the field.

6:18 p.m.: An anonymous caller reported that a white 2021 Kia Stinger was speeding in the parking lot of Market Basket on Main Street, not stopping for any of the stop signs. Police spoke with the driver and advised him on his actions.

10:45 p.m.: A black 2011 Ford F-150 was stopped in a lot on Concord Street with two flat tires. The operator stated that the vehicle

would remain there, but was also advised by police that his trailer needed to have its expired registration taken care of before it was taken away and that, in the meantime, the lot's owner could tow it if they chose.

Wednesday, March 17:

1:27 p.m.: Emily Sherburne of 26 Lake St. in Billerica was issued a summons for operating a vehicle with a suspended license, missing a number plate, and speeding in violation of special regulations. Her white 2009 Saab 9-7X was towed from Glen Road.

1:38 p.m.: Animal Control officers removed a dead groundhog from Glen Road.

2:22 p.m.: At the 99 Restaurant on Lowell Street, a motor vehicle collision took place between a green 2008 Ford Mustang and a red 2019 Kia Sportage. It occurred after a man at the bar left and struck the other vehicle in the parking lot. He passed a preliminary breath test and a field sobriety test, but was too tired to drive, opting instead to walk home and get his car later.

5:12 p.m.: A caller reported that a collision had taken place at the Square One Mall on Lowell Street at 4:40 p.m. between a blue 2013 Chrysler Town & Country and a grey 2015 Toyota Sienna. One vehicle hit the other as they tried to back out of the parking lot and

turn onto the street, causing only a scuff mark on one car. Information was exchanged at the time without issue.

Thursday, March 18:

4:25 p.m.: At Lowell Street and the I-93 Northbound Ramp 38, a grey 2021 Subaru Forester and a school bus were involved in a motor vehicle collision. There were no children on the bus and the only injury was the operator of the car, who struck her head but declined medical attention. The car was towed and her husband picked her up while the bus drove away.

7:38 p.m.: A caller at Lucchi's Supermarket Plaza on Lowell Street reported an elderly man in a grey 2014 Nissan Juke was having issues with his vehicle. Police found that the man's car had hit the curb on a corner, knocking off some mechanical pieces. A tow was arranged for the car to the owner's home.

9:26 p.m.: A caller at McDonald's on Main Street reported that they were pulling left into the establishment in a grey 2007 Hyundai Accent when another driver in a grey 2005 Honda Accord hit the rear corner of their vehicle, causing minor damage. The other driver was reported as not having headlights on at the time, making them unable to see the caller's vehicle. The two exchanged paperwork on their own and only called to have the incident logged.

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### No excuse vote by mail expanded for local elections

TEWKSBURY — The legislation to extend early voting by mail for municipal elections held on or before June 30, 2021 has been enacted. Below is a link to the website Secretary of the Commonwealth which explains the differ-

ence between absentee and early voting and contains links to applications.  
<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/e/e/e/eleabsentee/absidx.htm>

A request for an absentee or early ballot by mail must be received by the

Town Clerk's Office no later than Tuesday April 6, 2021 at 5 p.m. The final day to fill out the absentee ballot application and vote at the same time at the Town Clerk's Office is no later than Friday, April 9, 2021 at 12 p.m.

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# Rails and trails at the Bedford Depot Park

By **HEATHER BURNS**  
News Correspondent

**A**s we transition from late winter to early spring, many of us are on board for getting a little more physically fit after a long winter of being stuck indoors.

In response to this need to get out and about, I say, "All Aboard!!!" to the Bedford Depot Park, located at 120 South Road in Bedford. This unique park has lots to enjoy for young and old train buffs, as well as those who simply want to

stay active and fit.

Upon arrival to the Depot Park, you are greeted by a welcoming outdoor area with period seating, lighting, bike racks and ample public parking.

The grounds also consist of two old railroad buildings and a vintage "silver bullet" type of railway car, sure to spark the interest of any railroad enthusiast.

The first building to come into view right next to the spacious, outdoor seating area is the Historic Freight House.

The Freight House was

built in 1877 as the engine house for the Bedford and Billerica Railroad. After the demise of the B&B, it was acquired by the Boston & Maine Railroad and used as a freight shed.

In the mid 1950s, B&M sold the property, which then housed a succession of businesses until 1999 when the Town of Bedford purchased the property as part of the Depot Park Project.

The Freight House was in disrepair, after years of use for businesses other than for the railroad.

In 2008, the Freight House received a complete renovation done by the Massachusetts Highway department in conjunction with the Town of Bedford.

The rejuvenated Freight House is now the home of the Bedford Depot Park Visitors Center, housing old photos and artifacts of railway days gone by.

Usually, visitors can also purchase refreshments and historical merchandise at the Freight House, but due to the ongoing pandemic, the freight house is currently closed. Hopes are to re-open when safety measures allow in the near



▲ Built in 1873, the Bedford Railroad Depot was once the hub of the town.

(Heather Burns photos)



▲ Rail Diesel Car #6211 is a 1955 passenger-baggage car that was a staple in Boston area commuter rail service. It has been fully restored and is on display at Depot Park.



future.

On the opposite side of the Depot Park sits the original Bedford Railroad Station. Once considered the hub of the Town of Bedford, this building was built in 1873 by Middlesex Railroad. This busy station handled the business of traveling passengers, shipments and parcels for decades until it was decommissioned by B&M Railroad in 1958.

The property was acquired by the Town of Bedford in 1999, and was fully renovated. The Railroad Depot now features retail and office space.

Parked directly next to the Freight House you will find Rail Diesel Car #6211. This 1955 Boston & Maine vintage combination passenger-baggage car was acquired by the Depot Park Project in 1998.

Once known as the staple of the Boston area commuter rail service, the distinctive all stainless steel

RDC's were eventually replaced by more modern equipment, and the last of the working RDCs were removed from circulation by the mid 1980's.

Since being "rescued" by the Depot Park Project, RDC #6211 has undergone a complete cosmetic restoration, and is now on display at the Depot Park. RDC #6211 is also available to rent for private functions, meetings or special events.

After exploring Bedford's railroad past at Depot Park, you can explore the outdoors on one of the three rail trails Bedford Depot Park has to offer.

The Minuteman Bikeway, is the largest and most well known of the Depot Park rail trails. It closely follows the path of the colonial Minutemen during the battle of 1775, hence the name Minuteman Bikeway. This 10 mile long path was built in 1992, and travels through Lexington and Arlington to West Cambridge. The 12-foot wide paved path is used for biking, walking, and inline skating.

During winter months it

is also utilized as a cross country ski path.

The second trail at Depot Park is the Narrow-Gauge. This rail trail follows the three mile roadbed of the Billerica & Bedford Railroad, passing the picturesque Fawn Lake (a.k.a. Hayden Pond) to the Billerica line. Fawn Lake offers spots to stop and relax as well as a walking path that fully circles the lake.

The third rail trail is known as the Reformatory Branch. This trail follows B&M's old roadbed from Bedford to Concord. Be warned that with the exception of a short portion of this path that is paved, most of this wooded trail is more suited for hiking or mountain biking.

Only in historic New England can you enjoy an afternoon stroll while immersing yourself in an era gone by. The importance of the railroad system to the growth of America has been preserved at the nearby Bedford Depot Park. The rich railroad history combined with plenty of outdoor space and activity is there to be enjoyed by all.

## Take a tour of Shedd Park on the Lowell/Tewksbury line

By **PAIGE IMPINK**  
News Correspondent

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The snow and slush of the recent freeze/thaw cycle has made areas with paved surfaces a little more sought after for weekly walks. Lowell's Shedd Park, located on the Tewksbury line, is a tremendous resource for all types of activity and gives walkers options for completing their fitness goals.

The land for the park was donated by Lowell native Freeman Shedd in 1910 and is considered part of the Belvidere neighborhood, itself a fine place for walking. The park encompasses over 50 acres, and includes a seasonal splash pad, bandstand, tennis courts, baseball diamond, softball fields, and a track.

The park has a stone gateway arch at the corner of Knapp Avenue and Rogers Street (Route 38) which reads "Shedd Play-ground. A gift to the City of Lowell by Freeman Ballard Shedd, A.D. 1910."

The property abuts the Pyne Arts Elementary School in Lowell, the Lowell Cemetery, and Rogers Fort Hill Park, making for endless paved walking opportunities in a

fairly compact area.

Our route typically involves parking at the elementary school during non-school hours, then walking toward the school and taking a right onto McAlvin Avenue. The sidewalk passes a wetland area with a picnic table and boardwalk, and we've seen many a turtle active there in the warmer months.

The road inclines gently as it passes between the cemetery and the athletic fields at the park, providing a half mile of walking. During cemetery hours, take a left and explore the cemetery.

Typically, we take a right on Knapp Avenue, and pass the cemetery office, a handsome arts and crafts style structure which blends in to the neighborhood. The descent to Rogers Street is the next tenth of a mile and places us at the arch.

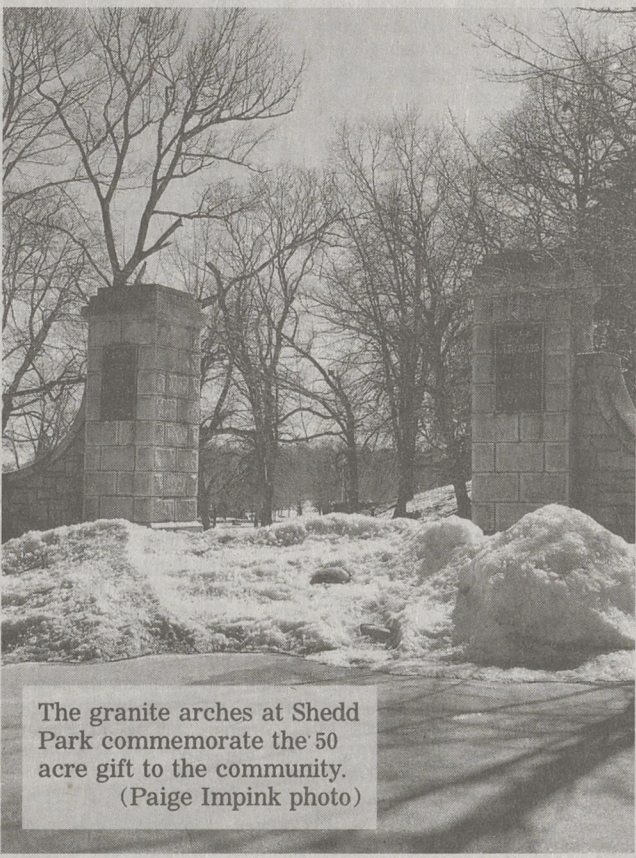
As we take a right again along Route 38, the large hill on the right is of note for the sledding it hosts each winter. The City of Lowell places bales of hay against the trees lest any sledder have trouble navigating the course. We walk the next .20 miles along Rogers Street and pass the pavilion, avail-

able for rent from the City of Lowell for events.

As we take a right at Boylston Street and head back to the school, we sometimes take an additional loop around the school building to get in a few more steps. On dry days, the quarter mile, gravel/dirt track is another option which is free and

open to the public. As the weather improves, school athletics may use the track for practice, but in general the area is open to all.

With warmer weather on the way and longer days ahead, now is a great time to get out and explore some nearby areas to add to your walking repertoire.



The granite arches at Shedd Park commemorate the 50 acre gift to the community.  
(Paige Impink photo)



◀ Lowell Five Bank February 2021 Make It Matter Recipient — Patty Losos, Tewksbury Branch Manager

## Tewksbury branch manager Patty Losos receives Employee Excellence Award

TEWKSBURY — Each month, Lowell Five recognizes one employee who has demonstrated excellence in their commitment to Lowell Five customers and employees with the Make it Matter Award.

David E. Wallace, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lowell Five Bank, is pleased to announce that Patty Losos, Manager of the Bank's Tewksbury Branch, has been chosen to receive the Bank's February 2021 Employee Excellence Award. This award is the fourth Make it Matter Award

Patty has received since joining Lowell Five in 2012.

A resident of Tewksbury, Patty is actively involved in her community. She is a member of the Tewksbury Rotary, on the Board of the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce, and serves as Clerk on the Tewksbury Economic Development Committee.

Patty is a past President of both the Tewksbury Rotary Club and the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce.



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## Sen. Finegold, Rep. Campbell to lead new joint committee on critical cyber issues

BOSTON — Senator Barry Finegold (D-Andover) and Representative Linda Dean Campbell (D-Methuen) announced key legislative priorities for the newly-established Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity. The co-chairs stressed that the pandemic has highlighted the need for forward-looking policymaking that addresses the challenges of an increasingly digital world.

Sen. Finegold and Rep. Campbell noted that the committee will focus on short-term issues, such as the Commonwealth's contract for scheduling vaccinations online, as well as longer-term issues related to cyber threats, e-commerce, data protection and privacy, broadband access, 5G telecommunications, and other technology concerns.

"Massachusetts must rise to the challenges of the 21st century, and I look forward to our com-

mittee's urgent work," said Sen. Finegold. "COVID-19 has not only upended current routines, but it will impact how we live for decades to come. The pandemic has accelerated work-from-home trends and forced the public and private sectors to upgrade core technological infrastructure. Residents in the Commonwealth now rely on online platforms in order to go to work, conduct business, pay bills, and connect with others. We need to look to the future and take proactive measures to ensure new technologies are safe, secure, efficient, equitable, and reliable."

This session, the new committee will take up a large legislative portfolio on a variety of policy matters. Here are a few of the initial bills that Sen. Finegold filed and Rep. Campbell co-sponsored thus far:

- A bill to create an office of data protection, cybersecurity, and priva-

cy

- A bill to create a cybercrime prevention program for schools

- A bill to expand access to new 5G services

- A bill to require data brokers to disclose information about data collection practices

- A bill to require large companies to provide customer service hotlines

"The issues that our committee shall tackle are central to the professional and personal challenges we all face every day in our lives," said Rep. Campbell. "There is a critical, most pressing need for much improved access to high-quality digital communication that is secure throughout Massachusetts. Good legislation could lead to better and equitable access to high speed internet access for our residents, enhance commerce and promote economic growth, and make many things we do, such as accessing the state's current vaccination website, much easier."

We must also address upgrades to cybersecurity, as we know malicious actors have the ability to cause mayhem by disrupting services in banking, business, public safety, utilities, clean water, health care, and a great many other things we generally take for granted."

According to the FBI, reported cybercrimes cost residents in Massachusetts over \$84 million in 2019. Crimes included Denial-of-Service attacks, phishing, ransomware, extortion, online identity theft, and personal data breaches. Massachusetts ranked 10th among all states in the total losses that resulted from reported cybercrimes.

Overall, \$3.5 billion in losses from cybercrimes were reported to the FBI in 2019. People above the age of 60 accounted for the largest reported losses, and the Legislature's new Joint Committee will be especially committed to protecting the online safety of senior citizens.

## Frisella, Walsh earn Problem-Solving Six Sigma Yellow Belt Certification

NEWTON — Leonardo Frisella, a Tewksbury resident, and Kyra Walsh, a Wilmington, both studying hospitality at Lasell University, both recently earned a Problem-Solving Six Sigma Yellow Belt Certification.

Lasell University Assistant Professor Siddharth Mobar, a hospitality and event management expert, provided the certification opportunity in his course.

"Six Sigma certifications elevate a student's professional marketability and exemplifies addi-

tional knowledge of being a problem solver," said Mobar. "The students are prepared to be change agents within their organizations and can lead efforts to improve processes, deliver quality to customers, and achieve operational excellence."

The certifying agency, *GoLeanSixSigma.com*, uses immersive virtual training experiences to improve problem-solving skills. Forbes, Amazon, Tesla, and Disney are among the many companies who utilize the agency.

## Figueroa, Cummings present at Lasell University Symposium

NEWTON — Jacob Figueroa, a Lasell University student from Tewksbury, and Kaitlin Cummings, a Lasell University student from Wilmington, presented at the University's Fall Career Readiness Symposium in December.

Figueroa participated in a mock trial exercise as part of a course on legal studies. Figueroa served as a witness for the prosecution team.

Cummings participated in a presentation for a course on British Literature, "Magic in Shakespeare's *Tempest*: Is it Transformational?"

The December 2020 event showcased the work of Figueroa and more than 150 other students in a dynamic digital format, a triumph for flexible teaching and learning amid COVID-19. The December 2020 event was reimagined to celebrate and showcase

the ties between career preparedness and Connected Learning, thanks to a three-year grant from the Davis Educational Foundation.

All Symposium presentations focused on four of the National Association of Colleges and Employers' (NACE) career-readiness competencies: Global and Intercultural Fluency, Professional and Work Ethic, Leadership, and Career Management.

"The Fall Career Readiness Symposium showcased student work and experiences, especially ways in which students have applied Connected Learning to develop their careers through internships," said Provost Eric Turner. "The event highlighted competencies in leadership and global/intercultural fluency with an emphasis on ways our students lead and serve by example."

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

Notice of Planning Board Hearing  
Relative to  
Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendments  
Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, Section 5



The Planning Board of the Town of Tewksbury will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning By-Laws, as submitted for the May 3 & 5, 2021 Annual Town Meeting. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: Due to the recent Open Meeting Law policy set forth by the Governor, during the current State of Emergency, the meeting will be held as a virtual meeting. To participate call in 978-771-0819 and view live through the televised cable channels, Comcast Channel 99 and Verizon Channel 33  
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection during regular business hours at the following locations: Town Clerk's Office and Community Development Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA and the Town's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov).

#### Article

To recodify, and therefore amend, the Zoning By-Law to make the By-Law easier for users to navigate, simplify and update its language, and provide a better structure for predictability and flexibility in both the interests of current use and future adaptability, by:

1. Re-organizing, re-positioning, re-captioning and re-numbering portions of the Zoning Bylaw to enhance accessibility and adaptability;
2. Updating and clarifying the purpose and authority of the Zoning Bylaw to clearly state the Town's legal and factual premises for zoning regulations;
3. Improving definitions to more clearly describe zoning districts, uses, and requirements;
4. Providing consistency with present State law;
5. Eliminating redundant or unnecessary provisions, making amendments such as correcting spelling and typographical errors, and eliminating or updating outdated statutory references;
6. Revising, re-organizing, and clarifying Zoning Bylaw administrative provisions;
7. Reducing number of overlay districts;
8. Strengthening design guidelines in the Town Center District;
9. Adding new definitions;
10. Adding site plan review;
11. Adding request for reasonable accommodations;
12. Adding recreational marijuana establishments, excluding retail;
13. Mandating 15% affordable housing in multifamily developments;
14. Capping multifamily developments to seven units per acre except in the Town Center and Mixed Use Business District;
15. Updating the sign section of the bylaw;
16. Updating Groundwater Protection District based on U.S. EPA and State DEP requirements;
17. Updating Floodplain District based on FEMA requirements;

and by taking the following actions:

1. Deleting in their entirety the following provisions and all their subparts of the existing Zoning By-Law:

Section 1000.	Purpose and Authority;
Section 2000.	Districts;
Section 3000.	Use Regulations;
Section 4000.	Dimensional Regulations;
Section 5000.	General Regulations;
Section 6000.	Special Regulations;
Section 7000.	Special Residential Regulations;
Section 8000.	Overlay Districts;
Section 9000.	Administration and Procedures;
Section 10000.	Definitions;
Appendix A.	Table of Use Regulations;
Appendix B.	Table of Dimensional Requirements;
Appendix C.	Table of Parking Requirements;

2. Substituting the following provisions and their subparts in the zoning article submitted by the Zoning By-Law Committee on file in the office of the Town Clerk and the Department of Planning and Community Development:

Section 1	Purpose and Authority;
Section 2	Definitions;
Section 3	Administration and Enforcement;
Section 4	Establishment of Districts;
Section 5	District Regulations;
Section 6	Site Development Standards;
Section 7	Special Use Regulations;
Section 8	Other Development Regulations;
Appendix A	Table of Uses.

3. And by taking any action related thereto.

#### Article

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tewksbury Zoning Map dated January 2020 by replacing it with the Town of Tewksbury Draft Proposed Zoning Map dated 2021.

THE TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD  
Robert Fowler, Chair  
210279 3/24,31/21

#### LEGAL NOTICE



TEWKSBURY  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

#### PUBLIC HEARING

The Tewksbury Historical Commission has received an application to demolish the premises in Tewksbury at:

30 East Street

The Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at 5:00 PM to determine whether the building is a "preferably preserved" building within the meaning of Tewksbury's "Demolition of Historic Buildings" By-Law, and to take other action as provided by that By-Law.

People can watch live at [YouTube.com/TewksburyTV](http://YouTube.com/TewksburyTV) and call 978 771-0819 if they'd like to comment.

For additional information, contact Bill Wyatt, 18 Magna Vista Circle, Tewksbury, (978) 846-2520, or via email at [Williamwyatt18@comcast.net](mailto:Williamwyatt18@comcast.net).  
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#### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY,  
MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS  
MILL & FILL ROAD REPAIRS  
CONTRACT PW-21-14

#### INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for TOWN OF TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ROADWAY RESURFACING CONTRACT PW-21-14, will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, until 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at that time and place Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. In the event the DPW offices are closed due to inclement weather, the bid opening will be postponed until the next day the DPW offices are open.

Contract Documents are available after 1:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, March 11, 2021 by going to [www.projectdog.com](http://www.projectdog.com), entering Project Code 842564 in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact [www.projectdog.com](http://www.projectdog.com) or call 978-499-9014 for distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

RICHARD A. MONTUORI  
TOWN MANAGER  
TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS  
210266 3/17,24/21

## Massachusetts passes climate legislation

BOSTON — The Massachusetts House of Representatives and State Senate on Thursday passed nation-leading climate legislation, known as the Next Generation Climate Roadmap bill, which overhauls the state's climate laws, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, advances the clean energy industry, improves gas pipeline safety, and prioritizes and protects environmental justice communities.

"Passing this legislation is one of the most important things we can do for our community and our future. It sets achievable standards that will reduce greenhouse gasses, while building a clean energy industry that will sustain the Commonwealth's ecology and economy," said State Representative Tram T. Nguyen (D-Andover). "I want to thank House Speaker Mariano and Senate President Spilka for their leadership in passing this bill, and Senator Barrett and Representatives Golden, Roy, and Meschino for their hard work in compiling this breakthrough legislation."

The passage of the climate bill comes after a joint commitment from Senate President Karen E. Spilka and House Speaker Ronald Mariano to quickly refile the legislation following a gubernatorial veto last session. This session Governor Charlie Baker offered amendments to the bill, which have been considered by the Legislature.

On Thursday, the House and Senate rejected efforts to slow the rate of progress toward net-zero emissions by 2050, while accepting a number of more technical amendments that improve the bill. The bill is now on the governor's desk.

The final legislation:

- Sets a statewide net-zero limit on greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and mandates emissions limits every five years, as well as sub limits for transportation, buildings,

and other sectors of the economy.

- Codifies environmental justice provisions into Massachusetts law, defining environmental justice populations and providing new tools and protections for affected neighborhoods.

- Prioritizes equitable access to the state's solar programs by low-income communities.

- Encourages offshore wind, as well as use of solar power in commercial and residential buildings, and in environmental justice communities, and provides for a pilot geothermal energy program.

- Sets benchmarks for the adoption of clean energy technologies including electric vehicles, charging stations, solar technology, energy storage, heat pumps and anaerobic digestors.

- Establishes \$12 million in annual funding for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center to create a pathway to the clean energy industry for environmental justice populations, minority-owned and women-owned businesses, and fossil fuel workers.

- Creates a first-time greenhouse gas emissions standard for municipal lighting plants that requires them to purchase 50 percent non-emitting electricity by 2030, 75 percent by 2040 and "net zero" by 2050.

- Adopts several measures aimed at improving gas pipeline safety, including increased fines for safety violations, provisions related to training and certifying utility contractors, and setting interim targets for companies to reduce leak rates.

"The emphasis on pipeline safety is especially important in my community, which suffered great losses, including loss of life, with the Columbia Gas pipeline explosion," added Rep. Nguyen. "This bill ensures that gas companies take safety seriously, and it helps move us toward clean, safe, renewable energy."



## Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund experiencing increase in applications due to lower temps and COVID

CANTON — The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund is appealing to Massachusetts' residents and businesses to make a donation to the Fund's 2021 "Give the Gift of Warmth" campaign due to a heightened urgency of need brought on by winter's lower temperatures and the financial impact of COVID-19.

The Good Neighbor Energy Fund provides energy assistance to Massachusetts households who, because of temporary financial crisis, cannot meet a month's energy expense and are not eligible for state or federal energy assistance funds. The 36th annual campaign is a cooperative effort between the Fund's 19 sponsoring energy companies, the general public and the corporate community to raise \$500,000 and help an anticipated 1,500 households.

"There is no doubt that falling temperatures, in combination with the financial difficulties households' are facing due to the coronavirus, are generating an increase in the number of inquiries by individuals and families in need of energy assistance," said Marie McCabe, Chairperson of the 2021 Good Neighbor Energy Fund campaign and Customer Collections Representative for North Attleborough Electric Department. "To meet the need, we appeal to the giving spirit of all our neighbors in the state and ask that you consider enclosing a donation of any amount in the green envelopes found in your utility bills or online at [www.magoodneighbor.org](http://www.magoodneighbor.org)."

Since its inception, the Fund has raised more than \$22.5 million to provide over 91,250 households with emergency assistance. Residents and businesses that wish to support the Fund and "Give the Gift of Warmth" are encouraged to use the green Good Neighbor Energy Fund donation envelope found as an insert in

monthly energy bills.

Some energy companies offer an "add a dollar" program which allows customers to contribute on their monthly bill payment by one dollar or more. Those interested can also donate on-line by visiting [www.magoodneighbor.org](http://www.magoodneighbor.org) or simply mail a check, payable to "Good Neighbor Energy Fund," to Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund, c/o The Salvation Army, 25 Shawmut Road, Canton, Massachusetts 02021-1408. Participating energy companies support their respective customers' generosity through various giving programs.

The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund is often the last resort for families who do not qualify for federal and state assistance programs. The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division, which administers the Fund for the sponsoring energy companies, pays the energy provider directly for households whose gross income is within 60 - 80 percent of the state's median income levels.

For example, a household size of four would need to have a total gross yearly income of between \$75,202 and \$100,268 to qualify. This campaign year's Fund disbursement is \$300 per eligible household per heating season.

The Fund's distribution award letter will also serve as qualification for the Mass Save Enhanced Insulation Incentive for customers of a Massachusetts investor-owned utility. Specifically, the offer provides qualified customers with no-cost insulation, as well as other no-cost energy savings measures.

For more information about the Fund and how to apply, visit your local Salvation Army Corps Community Center ([www.salvationarmyma.org](http://www.salvationarmyma.org)) or call 800-334-3047 if you live in area codes 508, 617, 781 or 978 or 800-262-1320 if you live in area code 413. Web: [www.magoodneighbor.org](http://www.magoodneighbor.org).

## Tewksbury Public Library awarded \$6K for summer concert series, programs

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Public Library is pleased to announce it was recently awarded \$6,000 in grant funding from the Tewksbury Cultural Council to support virtual and outdoor in-person programming this summer.

\$5,000 will fully fund the library's 3rd annual Outdoor Concert Series. Concerts are tentatively scheduled for Monday nights, from July 26 through Aug. 30, on the library's back lawn. Details will be announced later in the summer once local, state and federal guidance of COVID-19 is clear.

Nearly 1,500 residents enjoyed the most recent summer concert series in 2019, which included tribute concerts honoring Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Rod Stewart, The Who, and The Beatles. Expect more legendary musical acts to make their long-awaited Tewksbury debuts.

\$1,000 — coupled with an additional \$1,000 awarded last year and rolled over to this year due to COVID-19 — will fund several exciting virtual animal-themed children's programs this summer, including visits with Zoo New England, Wingmasters, DINOMAN, and more.

Through grants awarded directly to performers, the library will, at no cost, also be able to host a virtual lecture on attracting birds, butterflies, bees and

beneficials from naturalist John Root in April; a virtual puppet show from Talking Hands Puppet Theater in July; and a diversity-themed poster exhibit from Stephen Lewis this summer.

"Thank you to the Tewksbury Cultural Council for fulfilling all our grant requests and then some," said Community Outreach Librarian Robert Hayes. "The Council is always so generous to our Schools/PACs, Senior Center, Library, and other organizations in town, like the Public Health Museum and retirement facilities."

Tewksbury Cultural Council grants support a variety of cultural projects and activities in Tewksbury — including exhibits, festivals, field trips, performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

The Tewksbury Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCC) serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year.

The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE



#### TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 6, 2021 at 7:35 p.m. via remote participation for Sign Special Permit #21-01, plan entitled, "Proposed Parking Lot Modification, 269 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887", dated January 21, 2021, prepared by Philip R. Henry, P.E., Civil Design Group, LLC, 21 High Street, Suite 207, North Andover, MA 01845, and accompanying photographs and renderings, for the property located at 269 Main Street and shown on Assessor's Map 43 Parcel 4C. The proposed project is for the relocation of four (4) existing freestanding directional signs sized as follows: two (2) 3.23 sq.ft. signs measuring 3'7" high, one (1) 2.6 sq.ft. sign measuring 3'10" high, and one (1) 2.25 sq. ft. sign measuring 5'8" high. Sign relocation is associated with the reconfiguration of the Starbucks drive-thru currently under Site Plan Review.

The public hearing will be conducted via Zoom. The public will be able to participate by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84884016538?pwd=bHJ6N1ZuVTBKZkRjTnM3TTJkOFhUT09> or by calling in at 1-646-558-8656 and entering Meeting ID: 848 8401 6538. A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and is available electronically and may be requested by calling 978-658-8238 or emailing [spelletier@wilmingtonma.gov](mailto:spelletier@wilmingtonma.gov) during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair  
Wilmington Planning Board  
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#### LEGAL NOTICE



#### TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 6, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. via remote participation for Site Plan Review #21-05, Stormwater Management Permit #21-05, and Parking Relief Special Permit #21-01, plan entitled, "Proposed Site Development, 225 Andover Street, Wilmington, MA 01887", dated February 8, 2021, prepared by Michael G. Joyce, PE, Joyce Consulting Group, 100 Wyman Road, Braintree, MA 02184, for the property located at 225 Andover Street and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 108. The proposed project is for the construction of a three-story, 30,500 sq.ft. self-storage facility and associated landscaping, septic system, and parking. Thirty-one (31) parking spaces are proposed where ninety-two (92) spaces are required.

The public hearing will be conducted via Zoom. The public will be able to participate by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84884016538?pwd=bHJ6N1ZuVTBKZkRjTnM3TTJkOFhUT09> or by calling in at 1-646-558-8656 and entering Meeting ID: 848 8401 6538. A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and is available electronically and may be requested by calling 978-658-8238 or emailing [spelletier@wilmingtonma.gov](mailto:spelletier@wilmingtonma.gov) during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair  
Wilmington Planning Board  
210270 3/17,24/21

#### LEGAL NOTICE



#### TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 6, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. via remote participation for Site Plan Review #21-06 and Stormwater Management Permit #21-06, plan entitled, "Site I.D.: Upton, Crown BU No. 875104, 2020 VEM 180 Installation, Site Address: 26 Upton Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887", dated March 19, 2020 and last revised March 9, 2021, prepared by Shayah A. M. Smiley, P.E., P. Marshall & Associates, LLC, 1000 Holcomb Woods Parkway, Suite 210, Roswell, GA 30076, for the property located at 26 Upton Drive and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 18G. The proposed project is for the installation of a 27'8" x 15'8" x 5" concrete pad to support a proposed 21'8" x 10'8" x 20' equipment shelter and associated electronic equipment and other appurtenances located within the existing fenced compound area for the wireless communications facility.

The public hearing will be conducted via Zoom. The public will be able to participate by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84884016538?pwd=bHJ6N1ZuVTBKZkRjTnM3TTJkOFhUT09> or by calling in at 1-646-558-8656 and entering Meeting ID: 848 8401 6538. A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and is available electronically and may be requested by calling 978-658-8238 or emailing [spelletier@wilmingtonma.gov](mailto:spelletier@wilmingtonma.gov) during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 6, 2021 at 8:15 p.m. via remote participation for Site Plan Review #21-04 and Stormwater Management Permit #21-04, plan entitled, "Verizon Site Number: 5063228, Verizon Fuze Project ID: 2571781, Verizon Location Code: 432596, Crown BU #: 875104, Wilmington 9 MA-B, 26 Upton Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887, Existing 114'6" Monopole," dated December 23, 2020 and last revised December 29, 2020, prepared by Graham M. Andres, PE, Tower Engineering Professionals, 326 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27603 and 53 Stickle Avenue, Rockaway, NJ 07866, for the property located at 26 Upton Drive and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 18G. The proposed project is for the installation of six (6) antennas on a new platform mount and six (6) remote radio heads on an existing wireless communications facility tower. The project also includes construction of a 10'x20' concrete pad, equipment cabinets, and other appurtenances inside the existing fenced area.

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210271 3/17,24/21

#### LEGAL NOTICE



#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

#### MIDDLESEX DIVISION INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI20P5139EA  
Estate of: John J. Dineen, Jr.  
Also Known As:  
John J. Dineen  
Date of Death: 9/30/2020

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Kimberly A. Dalton (f/k/a Maynard) of Lynnfield MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Kimberly A. Dalton of Lynnfield MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

210293 3/24/21

#### LEGAL NOTICE



#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

#### MIDDLESEX DIVISION INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI20P5922EA  
Estate of: Eleanor Rose Tomeo  
Also Known As:  
Eleanor R. Tomeo  
Date of Death: 10/23/2020

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robert V. Gage of Wilmington MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Robert V. Gage of Wilmington MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

210287 3/24/21

#### LEGAL NOTICE



#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800

#### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI20P5912EA  
Estate of: Joseph Amato, Jr.  
Also known as:  
Joseph Amato, Jr.  
Date of Death: 08/18/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Yvonne L. Amato of Tewksbury MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Yvonne L. Amato of Tewksbury MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/01/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

#### UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS**, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 03, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
210311 3/24/21

#### LEGAL NOTICE



#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
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#### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI21P0317EA  
Estate of: Dorothy Hardock  
Also known as:  
Dorothy Hardock  
Date of Death: 07/10/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by James M. Hardock of Andover MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: James M. Hardock of Andover MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/14/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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**WITNESS**, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 17, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
210299 3/24/21

#### LEGAL NOTICE



#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

#### MIDDLESEX DIVISION INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI21P0802EA  
Estate of:  
Carolyn J. Poore  
Also Known As:  
Carolyn Jane Poore  
Date of Death:  
January 12, 2021

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Vincent J. Ruggiero of Wilmington MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Vincent J. Ruggiero of Wilmington MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

210313 3/24/21





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<b>2018 Honda Civic LX Sedan</b> H201189, Auto., Modern Steel, 9K miles	<b>\$15,498</b>
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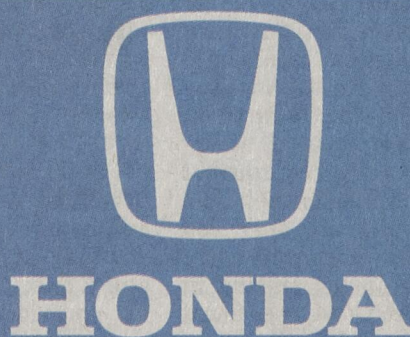
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<b>2018 Honda HRV LX AWD</b> H210248, Auto., Modern Steel, 29K miles	<b>\$18,498</b>
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<b>2017 Honda Accord EX-L Coupe</b> H210181, Auto., Black, 22K miles	<b>\$20,998</b>
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<b>2020 Honda Accord LX Sedan</b> H200943, Auto., 8 available! "new"	<b>\$21,998</b>
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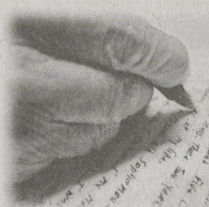


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## Letters to the editor

To the editor,

I am writing to endorse David Ragsdale for a second term as a School Committee member.

David is an extremely caring individual, someone who is earnest in every endeavor and for the past three years, has brought his hard working ethic to the committee.

As a previous School Committee member myself, I understand the qualities that an individual needs to be a part of this group: objectivity, basic understanding of budgets, caring attitude, the ability to work well with others, time and patience, and knowledge in education an added bonus.

David has all of these attributes. He has been a

### Ragsdale has right qualities to remain on Wilmington School Committee

highly invested member of the current School Committee for the past three years. His educational background training teachers for 16 years at the Princeton Review as well as his work for the DESE for 10 years provides him invaluable knowledge that is an asset to the workings within the committee and David will continue to use these qualities to help maintain a well-balanced, efficient committee.

He has no motives other than to help the children and Wilmington Public

Schools excel in any climate.

I am confident that David Ragsdale will continue to use his experience and his caring attitude to bring his best to each and every School Committee meeting to promote the best in Wilmington Public Schools in any climate.

I will be voting for incumbent David Ragsdale for School Committee member, and I sincerely hope that you do as well. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Leslee Quick, DC

### Garabedian 'most qualified' candidate for Tewksbury School Committee

Dear editor,

Today, I write in support of an exceptional contributor to our educational landscape. Through dozens of organizations — from school councils at two schools, PAC leadership at four schools, Friends of the Library, vice-chair of the Reuse Committee for the Trahan and North St. Schools, to the Reopening Committee — Bridget Garabedian has been selfless in giving her time back to this community.

She is the most qualified candidate for the School Committee I have seen in 20 years, which is why I voted for her to fill a vacant seat on the committee in 2019.

Bridget has done the hard work of building rela-

tionships among stakeholders, so she knows exactly how changes in policy and budget will impact students, faculty and staff, and the needs of individual school communities. Even better, she's open-minded and listens to the concerns of parents and taxpayers.

In the last year, as we all know, the unexpected happened. Bridget stepped forward to be part of the solution, working to get our students back in classrooms safely and offer remote

learning equitably to families who need that option.

Bridget excels at pivoting, responding responsibly to changing situations, all while staying focused on student outcomes. We need bridge builders on our School Committee, collaborators, and people who understand the job. Bridget Garabedian is that person, and I heartily encourage voters to join me in electing her on April 10.

Jayne Wellman  
Tewksbury

### Help keep parks and trails clean in Tewksbury

TEWKSBURY — During spring cleanup, parks staff have noticed an increased amount of trash and pet waste throughout the parks and walking trails. This is a reminder to please help keep Tewksbury clean by throwing your trash away in the receptacles provided and to clean up after your pet.

As a Girl Scout Silver Award Project, Troop 60380 has donated a dog waste station which is located across from the Lacrosse Fields on Livingston Street for your convenience.

Please note: Dogs are not allowed on public fields.

6.04.110 Public nuisances

Every owner or keeper of a dog shall exercise proper care and control of his/her dog so as to prevent said dogs from becoming a public nuisance. It shall be deemed a public nuisance if any dog should trespass upon private or public property and deposit feces thereon, unless immediately removed by the owner or keeper of said dog. The Animal Control Officer shall have the power to enforce a regulation to eliminate what he/she may deem to be a nuisance. Penalty for the violation of this section shall be:

- 1st Offense: \$50
- 2nd Offense: \$100
- 3rd Offense: \$300

• Each Subsequent Offense: \$500

Pet waste contains bacteria, viruses, and parasites such as salmonella, E.coli and roundworms. When pet waste is left on the fields and around town, rain water washes over the dog waste, picking up the bacteria, viruses and parasites and sending it down into the storm drain.

This contaminated water from storm drains do not go to treatment plants but runs directly into nearby rivers, streams and lakes. This has a detrimental effect to the health of local wildlife and to the people who swim and fish in the water.

### Local real estate agent Sue Rogers earns e-PRO certification

CHELMSFORD — Wilmington resident Sue Rogers of Coldwell Banker Realty, Chelmsford, has successfully completed NAR's e-PRO® Certification Program and has been awarded the e-PRO® certification, the official technology certification program offered by the National Association of REALTORS®.

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## Legislature extends vote-by-mail through June

BOSTON — The Massachusetts House of Representatives and state Senate on Thursday March 12, 2021, passed legislation to extend mail-in voting and early voting options for elections held through the end of June 2021. The vote-by-mail provision was previously set to expire at the end of March 2021.

"As other states across our country work to disenfranchise their voters, I am proud Massachusetts is choosing to extend and enhance efforts to ensure every eligible resident can exercise their fundamental right to cast a ballot in our local elections, stated Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "With a record number of ballots casted in 2020, our successful vote-by-mail system increased access and protected our most vulnerable residents from putting their health at risk. I would like to thank Senators Rodrigues, Finegold, Lewis and Creem as well as Speaker Mariano and my colleagues in the House for their collaboration on this bill and look forward to this extension of voting options becoming law."

"During this pandemic, our vote-by-mail system has proved to be an accessible and secure tool for voters to exercise their right to vote without putting their health at risk," said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "We are glad to have passed this extension that will allow cities and towns to continue offering vote by mail and other voting options for their upcoming elections. I thank my fellow members in the House, and Senate President Spilka and our state senators for their collaboration in getting this bill to the governor's desk. We must continue to explore options that encourage and empower voters to be active participants in our democratic process, and I look forward to working with Chairs Aaron Michlewitz and Daniel Ryan in legislation that will make vote by mail permanent in Massachusetts."

"Ensuring access to the polls is a vital part of democracy, and I am happy that the Senate has taken this important step to ensure upcoming local elections can move forward safely without disruption," said Senator Michael J. Rodrigues (D-Westport), Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. "Thank you to Senate President Spilka and Senator

Finegold for their leadership on this issue, and thank you to my colleagues in the Legislature for supporting equitable access to voting for all residents of the Commonwealth, including individuals with disabilities."

"By passing this short-term extension of the vote by mail reforms the Legislature enacted last year, we are ensuring that cities and towns will be able to provide voters with safe and easy access to the ballot box this spring," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston). "Later this session I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Legislature to make these reforms permanent, so that these measures will continue to safeguard our elections and guarantee that our democratic process will not be hampered by this or any future public health crisis."

"This legislation will help ensure that residents can continue to vote safely and easily during the ongoing pandemic," said Senator Barry R. Finegold, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Election Laws. "Last year, the Legislature passed a common-sense, bipartisan bill to expand early voting and implement a secure vote-by-mail system for elections in 2020. These reforms protected public health, empowered voters, and helped generate record-breaking turnout. I am glad that the Legislature is temporarily extending mail-in voting through the end of June, and I look forward to working with my colleagues and local election officials on legislation to make vote-by-mail permanent."

"Over this past year, the COVID pandemic has caused us to take a closer look at, and improve upon, many of our society's systems. Voting is one of those," said Representative Daniel J. Ryan, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Election Laws (D-Boston). "I applaud Chair-

man Michelwitz and my House and Senate colleagues for working swiftly to extend vote-by-mail and other safety precautions through this spring's elections. I especially want to thank Speaker Mariano for his leadership on these ballot access measures and his bold commitment to work toward their permanency. I'm looking forward to a robust discussion on how to best move election legislation forward."

"Voting reforms like mail-in voting and expanded early in-person voting have been critical to ensuring that all voters can safely and conveniently exercise their right to vote during the pandemic," said Senator Jason Lewis, lead Senate sponsor of the legislation. "I'm very grateful to my colleagues in both the House and Senate for the strong bipartisan support of this bill and look forward to working together to hopefully pass further legislation later this session to make these voting reforms permanent."

"Vote by mail and early voting options have allowed us to conduct safe elections during the pandemic while also expanding voter participation," said Senate Majority Leader Cindy Creem (D-Newton). "By extending these options today, this bill ensures that we can conduct safe, secure municipal elections this spring without limiting anyone's access to the ballot box."

The bill also allows municipalities to provide residents with the option to vote early in-person in these elections. Additionally, the legislation requires local election officials to make reasonable efforts to grant accommodations for voters with disabilities who might have difficulty accessing a paper mail-in ballot and request an accommodation. Furthermore, cities and towns can postpone municipal elections and caucuses scheduled before June 30, 2021 until Aug. 1, 2021.

The bill now advances to the governor for consideration.

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### Book Stew Review

### 'Foregone' by Russell Banks

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

Two of my favorite writers, Richard Russo and Russell Banks, are feeling their advanced ages in recent nostalgic, look-back novels, which is a bit sad for their readers who aren't quite ready to call a halt to a yearning for new adventures.

In this one, renowned Canadian filmmaker Leonard Fife is dying of cancer and now the subject of a documentary by one of

his former students. Leo sees this as his chance to redeem himself and to show his wife and work partner of 40 years, Emma, that he truly loves her, something he has been unable to feel or express during their marriage.

Instead, his on-camera recital of several key events in his life, including a meetup with Bob Dylan and Joan Baez in Boston in the early '60s, turns into a confession of wrongs committed against parents, ex-wives, abandoned

children, and friends.

Leo's wife Emma denies the truth of much of what he claims he's telling her for the first time, and says he's conflating imaginary events with the reality of years together. This puts the reader in a spot — who's telling the truth here? — but it doesn't really matter, as the stories are rambling, filled with pathos, fear, and a longing for escape, and Leo finally does achieve peace with himself.



# OBITUARIES

## Jean Webster

Nurse at Tewksbury State Hospital

Jean Webster, 96, passed away suddenly in the early morning of March 14 at Clinton Hospital after a brief admission for observation following a fall two days earlier.

Lively to the end, the day before she passed, she spent the afternoon engaged in a three-hour chat-a-thon with her daughter-in-law, watching Hallmark mysteries on two TV screens simultaneously, and enjoying a hospital dinner of American chop suey, one of her favorite meals.

She did observe, however, they had sent her vanilla pudding instead of the chocolate ice cream she had ordered, but nonetheless she happily wolfed down the pudding! Her final instructions to her daughter-in-law as she was leaving was to bring Mama Jean a cup of Dunkin' coffee the next day.

Jean, mom, nana, mama Jean, was a 68-year resident of Wilmington where she was active in her community, raised three children, was a friend to her neighbors, and had an ever-open door to several generations of neighborhood children.

In her Charlestown (Boston) High School yearbook entry she said her ambition was to become a nurse. She fulfilled that ambition after her children were grown by becoming a licensed practical nurse caring for patients at Tewksbury State Hospital until her retirement.

For many years after her retirement, she taught a nutrition class at the Wilmington Senior Center.

An avid gardener in her younger years, she was always prepared to share at least some of her produce with the generations of gophers who lived under her back shed.

She loved music, and after a hiatus of 50 years she resumed piano lessons, noting with pride she was the oldest performer at her piano teacher's public recitals.

As well as embroidery and crochet, mom, nana, mama Jean could sew up a storm, making clothes for her children, herself, and dolls and stuffed animals for the generations who came later.

She was a life-long lover of companion animals. In Charlestown, prior to moving to Wilmington, she and her husband George had trained the family cat to hop into a bucket and be lowered from their second-floor window to the yard below.

She was delighted when in 1950 she and George moved to their Wilmington home at 52 Andover St. and found a dog came with the house. A neighbor presented them with Tubby, abandoned by the previous owners. For the ensuing dozen or so years, Tubby was a companion and role model for her three children. More dogs and cats followed.

Jean lived the last two years of her life with her son and daughter-in-law in Clinton. A voracious reader, she read at least one newspaper daily, subscribed to several news magazines, and was always willing to discuss current events with anyone who might be well-enough informed to keep up with her.

At the time of her death, she was deep into a 900-page biography of Harry Truman, which became a source of dinnertime conversation.

Jean was born the daughter of Gladys and Edward O'Donnell in Worcester. She and her husband George Webster, who was also born



in Worcester, were married in 1943 while he was serving in the Army Air Corps. They were together for 67 years until George's passing in 2010.

She is survived by her daughters Alice Sexton of Bedford, New Hampshire, and Melissa Carrington of Savannah, Georgia; her son James Webster and daughter-in-law Gloria Parkinson of Clinton; grandchildren and spouses, Christine Sexton-Irvin and Steven Irvin; Thomas Sexton; Bryan and Theresa Webster; Lori and David Leclair; Rachel Carrington; 17 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren some by blood, some by love; and many nephews and nieces.

All beloved by Jean. She also had an enormous capacity for friendship including Lois Gallagher, Adele Passmore and her family, Carol Barnes, Andrew Jensen and Heather, and many others.

Jean's, mom's, nana's, mama Jean's family and many friends will miss her greatly, but may we all smile when we remember her. For that is what she would wish.

An outdoor gathering in celebration of her life will be held at Jim and Gloria's home in Clinton on May 1. Due to possible COVID restrictions on gathering size, please contact Jim or Gloria nearer the date for precise time.

## Tewksbury, Wilmington students named to Dean's List at Rhode Island

KINGSTON, RI — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2020 Dean's List. The students represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries. The following students were named to Dean's List:

- Brenna Buckley of Wilmington
- Courtney Cummings of Wilmington
- Jalie Cuoco of Wilmington
- Tess O'Connell of Wilmington
- Anna Pietropaolo of Wilmington
- Connor Brincklow of Tewksbury
- Tyler Demers of Tewksbury
- Katie Famiglietti of Tewksbury
- Kelly Fortier of Tewksbury
- Miranda Hulme of Tewksbury
- Karissa Kakleas of Tewksbury
- Samantha Kelly of

- Tewksbury
- Maddy MacMullin of Tewksbury
- Paige McGaffigan of Tewksbury
- JP Mooney of Tewksbury
- Lexi Palmisano of Tewksbury
- Tayla Spezzano of Tewksbury
- Kaitlyn Staskiewicz of Tewksbury
- Jenna Wentworth of Tewksbury
- Megan Rhind of Wilmington

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

As a public Land Grant University in a highly competitive region in the United States, URI carefully monitors and manages its tuition and fee rates to remain one of the most affordable uni-

versities in the Northeast for both in-state and out-of-state students. An estimated 90% of undergraduate students receive annual financial aid and institutional support.

The University's total fall 2020 enrollment of 17,649 students comprises 15,393 full- and part-time undergraduate students, including 748 pharmacy six-year professional practice, and 2,256 full- and part-time graduate students. About 52% of the total student body is from Rhode Island and 48% are from out of state or foreign countries. The student body includes students from 48 U.S. states and territories, and 67 nations.

The University of Rhode Island's pioneering research in ocean, environmental and health sciences extends the University's influence well beyond its coastal borders, while its interdisciplinary courses provide students with unique opportunities and experiences.

## Nine students earn academic honors at St. John's Prep

DANVERS — St. John's Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. Students who qualified for the Headmaster's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified

for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the academic honors list for the Second Quarter 2020-2021.

### TEWKSBURY

- Headmaster's List
- Cameron Eich '22
- Cameron Paolillo '21
- Rodneil Sanon '22

### Principal's List

- Gideon Daley '21

### Honor Roll

- William Simon '25

### WILMINGTON

- Headmaster's List
- James Callahan '24
- Jonathan Morad '25
- Henry Santini '27

### Honor Roll

- Philip Murray '23

## Director of Racial Justice Initiatives appointed by DA Marian Ryan

WOBURN — Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan announced the hiring of Antonia Soares Thompson as the newly created Director of Racial Justice Initiatives in the Middlesex District Attorney's Office. In this role, Soares Thompson will deepen and expand the Office's commitment to racial justice and the fairness of its prosecutorial work, create and implement trainings and education initiatives and develop policies related to racial equity across communities in Middlesex County. "With this new role, we will continue to put addressing issues of race in our communities at the forefront of our work, leading the way in reimagining how a prosecutor's office addresses issues of racial justice. Antonia has a rich and deep reservoir of experience working on the issues about which the Middlesex District Attorney's Office cares deeply. Antonia is a recognized leader and we are thrilled to welcome her," said District Attorney Ryan.

Soares Thompson will be an integral part of the Office's work in engaging staff and other law enforcement partners through training. Soares Thompson's duties will include:

ensuring that the Office's prosecutors are meaningfully conversant in issues of racial justice; leading conversations around policies and practices that can improve relations between the county's police departments and the communities that they serve; and, providing a critically important voice in District Attorney Ryan's ongoing efforts to identify and eliminate racial bias within the Office's administration of criminal justice in Middlesex County.

Thompson will also serve as a member of the Office's Anti-Hate, Anti-Bias Task Force — which addresses the increase of hateful, biased and racist incidents — in our local communities.

"I am excited to join the team of Middlesex County District Attorney's office. I look forward to the transformative work of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion on the County's Criminal Justice System. The work of racial justice within our county must be approached with context, courage, compassion and community if we want honest and impactful progress. I know DA Ryan is committed to asking tough questions, having difficult conversations and creating equity as well as justice for all

the residents in Middlesex County," Soares Thompson continued.

Previously Soares Thompson worked as the Restorative Justice Project Coordinator at the Stamford Mayor's Youth Services Bureau promoting restorative justice practices and engaging stakeholders in meaningful conversations to promote change within the juvenile justice system.

Soares Thompson also brings to the role experience helping individuals, families and communities achieve positive outcomes. She has worked as a public defender and an educator at both the Suffolk University Juvenile Justice Center and Brooklyn College. Soares Thompson received her law degree from Boston College.

Creating this role is a meaningful piece of District Attorney Ryan's commitment to addressing issues of systemic racism and bias across the county. The office has already taken steps to reform past policies that disproportionately impacted communities of color including eliminating cash bail to prevent incarceration solely due to a lack of financial resources and supporting the elimination of mandatory minimums for certain non-violent, low-level drug offenses.



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## Byrnes hopes for a successful reelection bid to School Committee

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ing, and she believes that "we are all in the same camp, but doing that is frustrating because there are lots of factors beyond their control. At the time when remote learning was instated, weighing one's life over education was a no brainer. And the safety of students is number one priority, though I do see that the mental health compromise shows they aren't safe either. Ultimately, we need to get kids back into the mindset of being ready to learn."

In terms of celebrating the class of 2021, Byrnes says that "Mrs. Peters has done a great job in helping this senior class. I understand that prom and graduation are important, and if they can, I want them to do as much as they can in a safe fashion. And if they can't, want to make gains towards the normal".

Byrnes had nothing but praise for the faculty of Wilmington schools, stating that "I admire and applaud their resilience and dedication to their kids, even though they had to endure a lot on top of the pandemic. Wilmington has always had a dedicated and passionate teaching staff, and knows they are excited to get back to the classroom. Their continued resilience and dedication will be the pinnacle of

healing for students".

Byrnes had this message to parents who are either frustrated with COVID impacting their child's education, or parents who are scared about the unknown.

"The impact of COVID affects each family and individual differently, but all we request is a little more patience. We need parent involvement, even when they get back to school to ensure a smooth transition. Working together with staff, parents, students, and the School Committee is essential to make a successful transition. Kids are resilient even in their darkest times. It takes a village and that village is still needed as we get back to normal. We need to get back to learning, as kids want to learn."

If anyone is looking to get involved in Byrnes' campaign, she says that "the biggest help as of right now is to send letters of endorsement, as it's good feedback and provides helpful criticism, and words of encouragement. I want to show that I actively want her seat, and I'm not a coaster."

In terms of distributing vaccinations to help expedite the process of school reopenings, Byrnes says that vaccine distribution is "outside of our purview, though, the superintendent reached out to the Board of Health regarding the mat-

ter. Supplies are limited statewide, and the state is the distributor."

However, she remarks that Governor Charlie Baker has delegated CVS as the main vaccination station for teachers over these next few weeks.

Finally, her message to voters is that "it is important, especially at this time, not to be apathetic, take 10 minutes, come out and vote. Families need to support new schools in the community. Town hall is the brain of the community, families are the heart, school is the backbone, and without the backbone, students suffer, and so does the community as a whole."

"We must postpone building of a town hall and administrative offices until we get new schools up and running, and we must collaborate with the MSBA to instate new schools."

More information about Byrnes, her campaign, and letters of endorsement can be seen on the Facebook Page "MARY JANE MJ" BYRNES for Wilmington School Committee."

As a reminder, the annual Wilmington town election is on April 24, and voters should be diligent about checking their registration and distinct voting location, and following COVID safe guidelines when participating in this election.



On hand for the McKeown Boys & Girls Club's annual Pot of Gold \$20,000 raffle drawing are, from left, Assistant Executive Director Meg Gambale, Nurse Leader for Woburn Public Schools Mary Heater and Vice President Dan Martell. (Courtesy photo)

## Wilmington company wins Woburn Boys & Girls Club raffle, donates money back to club

WOBURN — Although the annual St. Patrick's Day Social at the James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn was called off yet again due to health and safety concerns around the ongoing public health crisis, the organization's 2021 Pot of Gold raffle was a huge success!

The Club sold \$100 raffle tickets for four months, beginning just before Thanksgiving. Raffle proceeds support the ongoing operations at the Boys & Girls Club, supporting children, teenagers, and their families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting at Christmas,

\$1,000 was given away every Wednesday leading right up to St. Patrick's Day.

This week, the winning ticket for the grand prize of \$20,000 was pulled on March 17, 2021 at the Boys & Girls Club and shown live on Facebook. The winner was ticket #1457, belonging to Torrice Company of Wilmington.

Torrice Company President Stephen Torrice shocked Executive Director Julie Gage when he told her, "We would like to donate all the winnings back to the Club."

"We know how difficult this year has been and hope this donation helps

the Club prepare to welcome the kids back."

Torrice Company has always been proud to support the JLBGBC.

James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn wishes to thank all those in the community who supported its annual raffle, the largest and most impactful fundraiser of the year. And, save the date for Saturday, March 12, 2022 when we hope to gather back in person at the Club to celebrate St. Patrick's Day to benefit the kids and teens in our community!

To learn more about the Club, visit [www.bgc-woburn.org](http://www.bgc-woburn.org).



## Lunch Lady Leprechauns

Members of the Wilmington High School kitchen staff - Faith Gronemeyer, Irene Kennedy, Lisa Cournoyer, Kathleen Timmons, Rebecca Moriarty, and Diana Capiello - hand out St. Patrick's Day meals and produce.

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

## AdviniaCare at Wilmington closes COVID recovery care unit

WILMINGTON — AdviniaCare at Wilmington, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center serving Wilmington and surrounding communities, announced it has closed a specialized unit that helped patients referred from local hospitals with COVID-19 to recover and return home. With the unit's closure, there are no positive coronavirus cases at the center, and all residents and staff members have been given the opportunity to get vaccinated.

Over the course of the pandemic in Massachusetts, AdviniaCare at Wilmington helped more than 90 COVID-19 patients referred by area hospitals to recover in a skilled care and rehabilitation setting. The clinical staff provided critical respiratory therapy

and pulmonary rehabilitation that was often required after intensive hospital stays to stabilize those experiencing the worst symptoms of COVID-19.

"I am extremely proud of AdviniaCare at Wilmington's team members — many of whom endured countless exhausting shifts and significant personal sacrifices — that helped so many people survive what was the fight of their lives," said Chris Hannon, Chief Operating Officer of Pointe Group Care. "Our caregivers answered the call and stepped up to do their part during our community's time of need. We are ready to turn the page as we begin a return to a new normal."

The unit first operated during the initial surge of the pandemic last spring

and again during the surge that began in the late fall. The center took on this role after a request by the Mass. Department of Public Health (DPH) with support from Mass General Brigham and Town of Wilmington officials.

"The partnership between AdviniaCare Wilmington, Mass General Brigham, and the state created sorely needed capacity for COVID-19 patients to recover, which ensured that hospitals would be able to serve the sickest patients," said Chuck Pu, MD, Medical Director of Care Continuum Programs, Mass General Brigham Population Health. "The level of collaboration that took place was unprecedented and we are grateful for the partnership, and for the

heroes working in that center — and others like it — who put our most vulnerable seniors first when everything was on the line."

AdviniaCare at Wilmington's staff have now transitioned back to their primary role providing short term rehabilitation as well as long-term care. The center is accepting new admissions and all newly admitted residents are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Staff continue to follow very strict CDC and DPH sanitation and infection control guidelines and the center is allowing restricted in-person visitation.

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## Farmers Market returns for 11th season

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Farmers Market is excited to announce that they have begun planning for their 11th season, returning to the Swain Green, Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting June 13 through Oct. 3 as an in-person market.

Joining are founding vendor Seafood Express, and long-time participants North of Boston Farm (formerly Arrowhead Farm) and Gaouette Farm. Also returning to the market

will be Cupcake City, Red Antler Apothecary, and new addition Ugly Baby Soaps. Stay tuned as other vendors commit to their dates as we get closer to opening day.

They're also expanding their all-volunteer board, and are specifically looking for a social media manager, as well as a volunteer coordinator. If you are interested, please email [wilmingtonfarmersmarket1@gmail.com](mailto:wilmingtonfarmersmarket1@gmail.com). And if you want to help keep

the market going, but don't have skills in these areas, email them anyway and let them know how you can help out.

Or do you want to help but you don't feel that you can commit to more than a few hours? They are also in need of adult and/or high school volunteers to assist with set up, break down, and the kids' table. This is a great way to fulfill community service hours.

You can easily sign up by

going to their website, [www.wilmingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.wilmingtonfarmersmarket.com), and clicking the volunteer button.

They'll be asking that everyone participate in COVID safety measures while at the market, until they hear from their Board of Health that it is no longer necessary.

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## Special Town Meeting on tap for Town Meeting

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study, with a briefing for the families who participated earlier in the day.

Chairman Jonathan Eaton added that the full study would be released on Wednesday.

From there, the board voted on several matters related to agreements and licenses and the use of town outdoor spaces.

Eaton read the changes made for the execution of the agreement between the Town of Wilmington and the Wilmington Police Supervisor's Association. Some of the changes were related to the detail rate, New Year's and Christmas pay, base compensation, payment towards a degree, vacation leave, and using personal days within the year they're earned.

The board voted to enter the agreement.

They quickly voted in favor of the 2021 election workers and the uses of the town common and Swain Green by the Wilmington Memorial Library. Library Director Tina Stewart asked to put signs on the town common celebrating the library's 150th anniversary and to use the Swain Green for a jazz concert on June 24 and a Charleston dance program on July 13.

The board approved Analog Devices' request to change the address on their flammable license from 804 Woburn St. to 1 Analog Way. In their letter, they wrote that their location is the same; it's merely an administrative amendment for their billing address.

Fire Chief Bill Cava-

naugh's approval of the change was included.

They also approved the Memorial Day Parade for May 31, 2021 before the Memorial Day ceremony at Wildwood Cemetery organized by Veterans' Services.

"At the moment, the governor's orders have not been modified to allow for parades, but we expect by that time that it will be appropriate," said Hull.

This was followed by the approval of the renewal of a taxicab license for Wilmington Taxi and a taxicab operator's license for Timothy J. Flynn.

Then, they voted in favor of the Sons of Italy using the town common municipal parking lot on Saturday May 15 for their annual blood drive. Sons of Italy President John

Romano acknowledged that this approval would be subject to any COVID-19 related changes necessary. He also said he'd already confirmed the use of the 4th of July building with the 4th of July Committee.

Their final votes pertained to a Special Town Meeting to be made during the annual Town Meeting. Its purpose proposed would be to either rescind, adopt, or set aside the provisions of MGL Part I, Title IV, Chapter 31, Section 58A to authorize Walter Varray to have 2020 and all future test results for the Massachusetts Civil Service Entry Exam be allowed for employment.

In doing so, they'd have to suspend Town Meeting to open the Special Town Meeting. They voted in

favor of the Special Town Meeting.

As for the vote to open the warrant for the Special Town Meeting and close it at the end of business on Friday March 26, the board decided after some discussion to open and close the warrant that night, with an exception. If the next day, town counsel found that there's a requirement that they keep the warrant open for a certain period of time, they would do so for the minimum amount of time required.

The meeting ended after the Salute to Service honoring World War II veteran James J. Durkee, who served from 1946-1947.

The board's next meeting will be on Monday April 12 at 7 p.m.

## Music program receives grant money for learning

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learning about a classroom setting even before they go to school."

He added, "There is a lot of confidence building, too."

Children are asked if they want to sing on their own.

"Something easy like maybe Twinkle Twinkle Little Star; give them a chance to do a solo."

To learn more about Rockabye Beats and see their videos, visit [www.rockabyebeats.com](http://www.rockabyebeats.com) or their Facebook page and YouTube Channel. You can also learn more about Passim and supporting music grants at [www.passim.org/iguana](http://www.passim.org/iguana).



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